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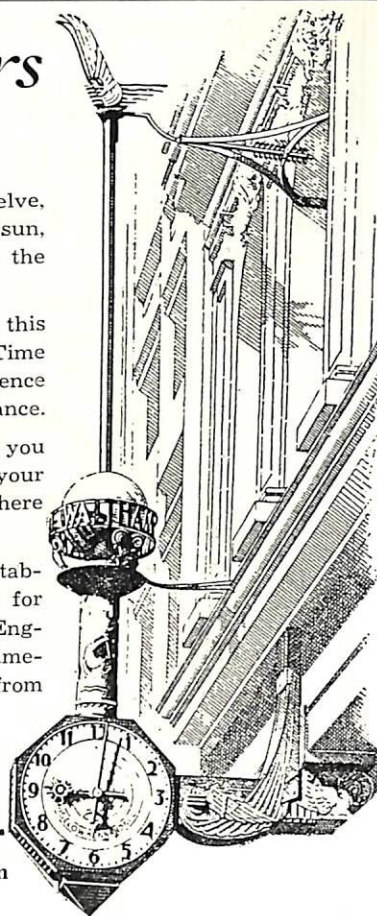
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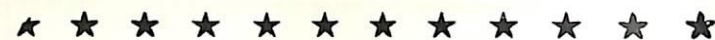
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By NEVART NAJARIAN

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The cold, steel beauty of dawn,
The tranquil beauty of age,
Gazing beyond the senses;
The vision of glory,
Glimpsed by dying ages?*

Have you not felt:—

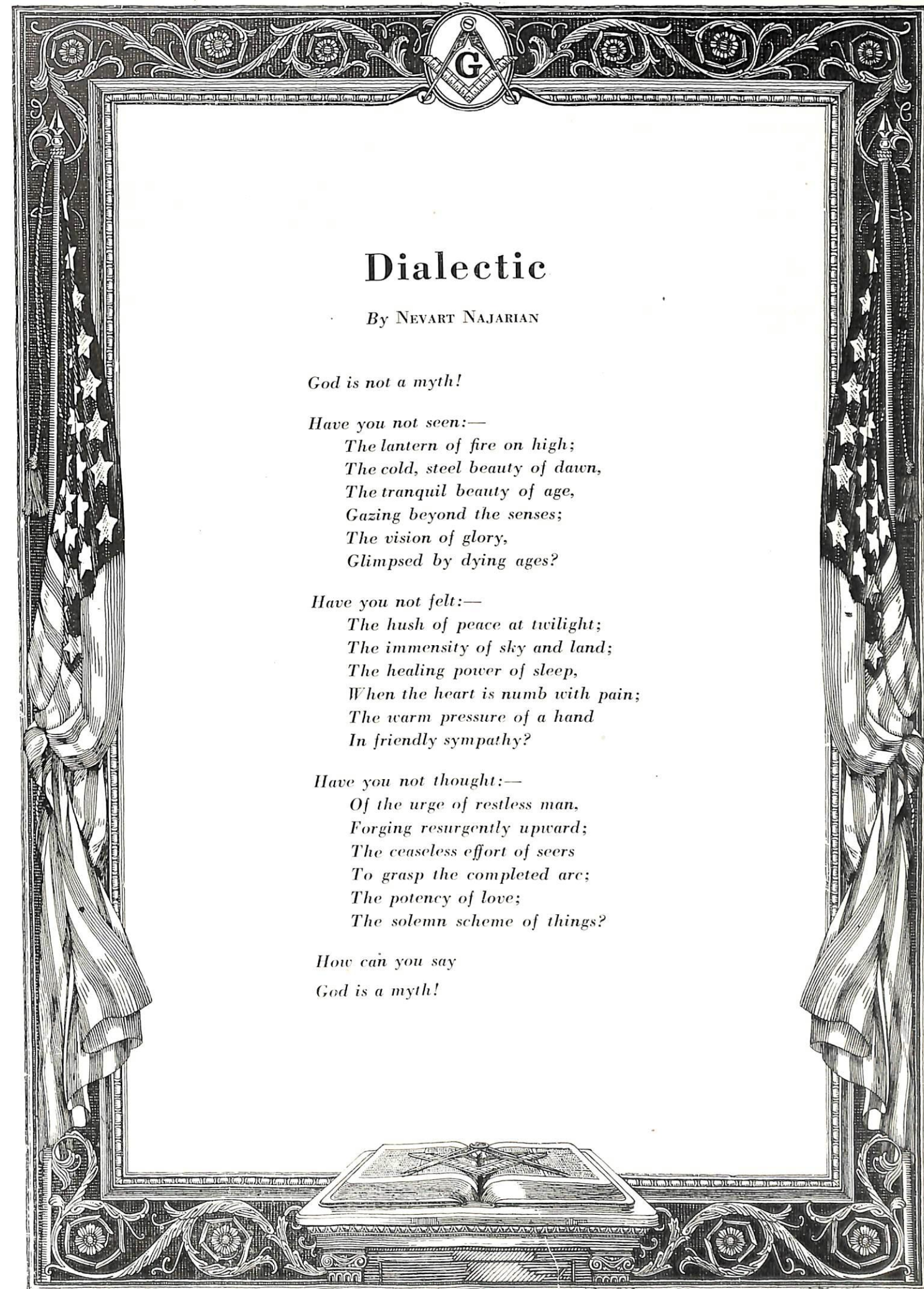
*The hush of peace at twilight;
The immensity of sky and land;
The healing power of sleep,
When the heart is numb with pain;
The warm pressure of a hand
In friendly sympathy?*

Have you not thought:—

*Of the urge of restless man,
Forging resurgently upward;
The ceaseless effort of seers
To grasp the completed arc;
The potency of love;
The solemn scheme of things?*

How can you say

God is a myth!



NEW ENGLAND MASONIC CRAFTSMAN

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WELCOME To the Freemasons of New England, as well as to those from other parts of the United States and particularly to our honoured guests from abroad who will be with us this month, *THE CRAFTSMAN* extends on behalf of its readers, fraternal greetings and a hearty welcome to Boston.

The occasion—the 200th anniversary of the founding of duly constituted Freemasonry on the North American continent, is an important milestone in the life of the Craft.

Lessons of the past two hundred years have been well learned. Massachusetts may point with pardonable pride to a record of real achievement in the field of Freemasonry. Many of her distinguished sons have brought honor to the Craft hereabouts, and the Craft likewise has honored many others. Massachusetts has kept the faith.

Loyally American in spirit and tradition from its earliest infancy, Massachusetts Freemasonry has yet not subordinated the broader viewpoint of international Craftsmanship. Legions of friends in foreign parts feel a friendly tug at the heartstrings when thoughts of the Masons of this Commonwealth are brought to mind.

That the brethren hereabouts are delighted to have with them at this time those thousands of others, similarly minded, from all over the world, goes without saying. That these brethren, having partaken of the hospitality of Massachusetts on this auspicious occasion will leave with reluctance and a renewed feeling of regard for us, will be our best reward.

It is quite unnecessary to advise our local brethren that these honored guests are members of one great family. We know each one of them will assist in every possible way to make the stay of our visiting brethren a happy one, *a bras ouverts*.

OBITER DICTUM To some people who are unfamiliar with its "secrets," Freemasonry signifies something mysterious. Sinister thoughts are conjured up. Indeed dark and terrible deeds have been attributed to the fraternity in days gone by. Its influence and effect upon men and events have been much exaggerated at times.

These views, common a century or two ago, have gradually given place to a more enlightened understanding, and the realization, at least on the part of those to whom the dogma of religious intolerance or some sinister symbol have not been a deterrent, that this great fraternity is a powerful instrument for good; that its members are men of conscience and integrity and that the influence of its great wealth of members is a stabilizing influence for good in the nation's affairs.

That Freemasonry has "secrets" has been perhaps the most important reason for the suspicions of the so-called profane; most things of a mysterious nature are generally looked at askance; the hidden element of fear enters.

Fortunately the lives of the men comprising its membership are today open to the world as that of others. The acts of Masons bear their own testimony.

It may be trite but 'tis true that all men are not perfect—in Masonry or without. The assertion may safely be made, however, that the standard of morality and the character of the fraternity as a whole is distinctly higher than average.

Deficiencies are due as much to inherent weaknesses of character in individuals, which no amount of admonition could cure, as to anything else. No man who has received Light under the circumstances which all Masons receive it can fail to be inspired and impressed by a ritual which, while "secret," might by reason of its beauty and absence of all sinister motive, be broadcast for all the world to hear and see.

In Massachusetts, where Freemasonry on this continent had its inception two hundred years ago, the Craft has been singularly fortunate in the character and quality of its membership. From Henry Price down through an illustrious list of grand masters, including Henry Rowe, Jeremy Gridley, Paul Revere, Joseph Warren, and a hundred others, outstanding individuals have occupied the Grand East. Their example has been most worthy. What of the future?

In the difficult days through which the nation is passing, some hold on the more substantial realities of life must be had. False doctrines involving low ethics and superficial civic and economic righteousness have proved to be fallacies—many of which are now exploded. The urge of self and the lure of wealth has received a rude shock. Intelligent people now realize that a change from the old order is necessary. The world is undergoing a metamorphosis. It could not go on in the old channels. New ones must be cut. These new channels must be made straight and true from the highest mount of clean desire down through a maze of life's intricate problems—to a goal of spiritual merit! By no other means is happiness to be attained.

Freemasonry inculcates a love of truth and a recognition of the sublimity of God. It imposes upon its members admonitions which, followed faithfully, cannot fail to improve the status of millions. It seeks no favors through political preferment, and is symbolic of all that experience has proven to be best in human relationships.

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Is It Advisable To Shorten Grand Lodge Sessions?

A Monthly Symposium

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MASSACHUSETTS AS A MODEL

By ALFRED H. MOORHOUSE
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IN the absence of specific knowledge as to the precise length of the sessions of all the forty-nine grand lodges of this country, it is impossible to define their relative desirability as to length, but from careful observation of one grand lodge a word of comment may not be amiss.



Massachusetts Freemasonry this year celebrates its 200th anniversary, an event without precedent, Masonically, in the United States. Out of the experience of this great organization, old in history but young in spirit, has been evolved a system, if such it may be called, which has, over a

long period of time, worked smoothly, successfully and harmoniously. By harmoniously, is not implied that there have not been, at times, honest differences of opinion on matters pertaining to the government of the Craft, but there has been evident a desire on the part of members to abide by the injunction that "he best can work who best agrees," and these differences have been invariably reconciled and have had small if any effect upon the steady progress, in the assimilation or adaptation of ideas, methods and procedure and the general welfare of the Craft.

Naturally such a body as the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, comprising as it does representatives of 329 lodges with more than 120,000 individual Masons, has to deal with a great variety of more or less complex questions. By the intelligent direction of grand masters through the appointment of efficient committees, however, these matters are brought down to their simplest terms before presentment to grand lodge at the quarterly sessions, and hence a mass of confusing and extraneous material is eliminated from consideration and action quickly had on the various issues.

This system might seem to some to savor of machine politics, but no one at all familiar with the wise procedure of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, and who has studied the breadth, scope and penetration of its decisions could in fairness make such a charge against it.

As a result of the above briefly indicated procedure it has been possible and is generally the practice for the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, to meet at 2 o'clock and close at 4, transacting all its business in the space of one afternoon. Social activities, entirely aside from the purely business session can, of

course, be lengthened indefinitely, but these are largely matters for the individual members. This grand lodge procedure will bear close investigation by others, and may well serve as a pattern.

Prolonged sessions with a corresponding sacrifice of time on the part of members, a lengthy agenda with which many if not most members are of necessity unfamiliar, are undesirable. The consequent invitation through misunderstanding or too brief consideration of subjects up for settlement induces windy discussion or even acrimonious argument, with attendant confusion, which is not evident when the chaff has been separated from the wheat beforehand, and the kernel of the subject alone presented with clarity for intelligent consideration.

SHOULD BE SHORTENED

By J. A. FETTERLY
Editor *Masonic Tidings*, Milwaukee

EXPERIENCE has taught us here in Wisconsin that annual sessions of grand lodge may be shortened at least one day with no attendant harm to Masonic affairs in that jurisdiction. Last year the session was shortened to that extent with a consequent saving in per diem of approximately \$1,500. Nor was any necessary or desirable business left undone.

The only noticeable difference was a much-appreciated shortage of "hot-air" by the grands and past grands, and a really business-like air. Long-winded debates about nothing were noticeable for their absence, and the business of the meeting was conducted in a business-like, orderly and practical manner. Where the subject under consideration was opened to debate, the speakers were held to the subject and limited as to time. The result was satisfactory to all and exceedingly pleasing to some.

If the standing committees of grand lodge are something other than mediums of sociability for past grands, if their meetings are business meetings and not tea parties or kaffee-klatsches, the business affairs of most grand lodges can be concluded in two days at the most—if there are not too many grandiloquent presentations of distinguished (?) visitors and response by speakers who have no terminal facilities. Such features are no doubt gratifying to the sensibilities of those immediately concerned—but think of the poor fellows who must sit still and listen to it to satiety! It's cruelty to animals, no less.

Another time-wasting method at many grand lodge



sessions is in the election and installation of new officers. Where the step-ladder system is customary—as in Wisconsin—the result of the election is a foregone conclusion 99 times out of 100. Why, then, waste two or three hours on the farce? And another dreary waste of time is the ceremonies of installation. There are no ancient landmarks here to be observed, and if there are “ancient” by-laws, modernize them and thus save time and money.

If the per diem to delegates was cut in half, this writer would wager a modest wager (scrip) that grand lodge sessions would be materially shortened. And at no neglect of any important or material business.

AN EMPHATIC AFFIRMATIVE

By Jos. E. MORCOMBE

Editor *Masonic World*, San Francisco

“CAN Grand Lodge Sessions Be Advantageously Shortened?” Our question for the month, while not often considered, or even thought of by the brothers generally, is surely not outside the limits of profitable discussion. Economy is being preached in and out of lodge rooms. Everywhere in Masonry is has been found possible, and necessary, to retrench, if without undue sacrifice of essential services.



The usual grand lodge communication, as known to most of us, is an agreeable combination of business and pleasure. It is looked forward to as a pleasant break in the monotony of fraternal life.

The representatives of lodges are regarded in the place of assemblage as honored guests. The social features take up a considerable time. There are trips to be taken, whether to points of real interest, or to show off and advertise the host city. Receptions to grand masters, breakfasts, luncheons and dinners arranged by one or another group, or given in honor of this or the other notable, these are conspicuous on the program, and all take time that is valuable. The evening affairs, while not directly interfering, are conducive to late hours, and thus have a dragging influence upon the next day's work.

It is a question whether any of these things come properly within the scope and meaning of grand lodge meetings. The delegates from the constituent bodies are called together to consider Craft conditions in the jurisdiction; to ascertain the needs of the fraternity, material and moral; to provide means for the carrying on of all Masonic activities, and to attend to all business brought before the deliberative and legislative body.

In most of the American jurisdictions the delegates of lodges receive a per diem compensation covering the whole period of the communication, with mileage to and from the place of meeting. It follows that if by any method the time was shortened, the cost would be materially reduced. Few if any of the grand lodges have nowadays over-abundant revenues; many of them are hard pressed to meet demands and obligations that

cannot be lessened or abrogated. Therefore it might not be amiss, at least during the period of financial stringency, to eliminate the junketing and the social interludes, and to devote the time exclusively to the business that must be done.

As we recall, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with financial and property interests perhaps exceeding those of any other American body, manages to transact all its business in one day, and in that brief time to do a thorough and satisfactory job. There, of course, the officers and representatives are not paid; there are no temptations such as offered by the per diem system to drag out the sessions. Other grand lodges have also found it possible to materially shorten their annual communications without neglect of business, and thus to effect considerable savings of badly needed money.

After all, most of the matters in any grand lodge are handled by committees. The rank and file, as a rule, have no more to do than look wise, and to occasionally vote. As to the what and why of their personal decisions, they are profoundly ignorant. Most of them are without previous information on the subjects coming to vote. One will answer yes or no as does his neighbor, or as advised by some brother who also may not know. To hold tedious sessions through three or four days, at a high cost, for no more than this, is a downright absurdity.

By all means shorten grand lodge sessions, even though the annual outing of masters and wardens, at grand lodge expense, are made less attractive.

TIME FOR DELIBERATION NEEDED

By WM. C. RAPP

Editor *Masonic Chronicle*, Chicago

THERE are few institutions or individuals which have escaped the insistent attention of Old Man Economy, now playing a stellar role in the topsyturvy drama of “Today,” and the need for curtailment of expenditures has caused a number of grand lodges to shorten their annual sessions, presumably temporarily. The wisdom of such retrenchment is self-evident. Some of the grand lodges may learn from the experiment that there is no need for long sessions, and retain the bridged program even after the pressing need for frugality has passed.



Granting that the shorter session is advisable at the present time, for financial reasons, we prefer to discuss the problem as it will appear under normal conditions, when a dollar will be just a dollar and not a curiosity.

We are informed that an eastern grand jurisdiction holds its quarterly communications in two hours, from 2 to 4 o'clock, and that even at its annual meetings it is able to transact all its business, including the election of officers, in two hours. “No three-day free-for-all sessions there, with politics seething within and without,” says our informant, and he infers that the plan works satisfactorily to all concerned.

We are inclined to wonder, however, how much part the delegates from constituent lodges can take in the proceedings before the grand lodge during a two-hour session. Pre-arranged action necessarily must be the keynote, and we visualize committee reports being approved in rapid sequence without discussion, perhaps without reading. Politics surely would not have much time to seethe, but the unworthy suspicion intrudes that politics may have done its seething previous to the assembling of grand lodge. Everything would have to be in perfect readiness, like a fine display of fireworks needing only the application of a match to set it off.

If a grand lodge can complete all the necessary work of an annual meeting in the space of two hours, its members must be complimented on being unusually efficient and competent, as well as rather single-minded, or the steam roller must be kept well oiled.

The fraternal angle of a grand lodge session may also advantageously be taken into consideration. Brethren from all parts of the jurisdiction gather on these occasions, many of them year after year, and the

fraternal intercourse thereby made possible is of no slight value to the institution as a whole. Friendships are made, renewed and maintained, common interests are discussed, tending toward broader vision and harmonizing of viewpoint. Not much time for social intercourse in a one-day session.

Quarterly communications, of course, give opportunity to dispose of portions of grand lodge work, but where only an annual session is held, we incline strongly toward the two or three day session, even though the actual hours during which grand lodge is at work could be crowded into a lesser number of days. In a deliberative body of intelligent men unexpected matters are bound to come up, and the time between meetings is needed to give committees and delegates opportunity to consider them. Discussions on the floor of grand lodge occasionally become tiresome and verbose, but to render discussion impossible because of lack of time is a poor alternative. There is more to a grand lodge session than the rapid-fire disposition of pre-determined routine matters.



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June 12, 1933.

Mr. A. H. Moorhouse, Editor,
New England Craftsman,
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Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

It is an exceeding pleasure as Mayor of Boston to extend in behalf of its citizenship a most hearty greeting to the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who are meeting in Boston on June 25-6-7-8.

This convention, marking as it does the 200th anniversary of the founding of Freemasonry in the United States, is an epoch-making event in the history both of the organization and of the nation. During this long period of time the watchword of your organization has been service to God, country and humanity. In every great movement for the betterment of mankind your organization has been in the forefront upholding at all times the principles upon which the American Republic was founded. It was functioning in a most helpful manner more than forty years prior to the firing of the shot at Lexington, which was heard round the world and through the trying eight years of Revolutionary struggle it was ably represented in the ranks of the Continental forces by the father of our country, General Washington. Its contribution to every charitable cause, regardless of race, creed or color has been so notable as to make this phase of Freemasonry memorable in the hearts of its beneficiaries—the citizenship and people.

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June 7, 1933.

Mr. Alfred H. Moorhouse, Editor
New England Craftsman
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Moorhouse:

I am very glad to extend my personal greetings and the greetings of the Commonwealth to the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Massachusetts upon the celebration of the founding of duly constituted Freemasonry on this continent in the City of Boston 200 years ago.

May I extend to your distinguished visitors from foreign parts a cordial welcome to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts? I desire to assure them, through you, of a very cordial reception here. Everything possible will be done to make their visit to Boston memorable. With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,
JOSEPH B. ELY.



Entrance to Masonic Temple — Boston, 1933

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

1733 — 1933

What follows is necessarily limited to an outline sketch of the eventful history of two hundred years, with an attempt to bring into relief those matters which were of real historical significance.

In 1723 there came to Boston a young man of 26 named Henry Price, a member of some Lodge not now known but probably in London. He had a deep interest in Masonry and on visiting London in 1733 he obtained a Commission from Viscount Montague (or Montacute, as it is sometimes spelled), Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, appointing him Provincial Grand Master for New England. Back in Boston on July 30, 1733, he called together at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern the Masons known by him, read his Commission, and organized his Provincial Grand Lodge known thereafter as the St. John's Grand Lodge. They then petitioned to be formed into a Lodge. The original petition, with the eighteen autograph signatures, is in the possession of the Grand Lodge. Price then and there granted the petition and formally constituted The First Lodge in Boston, now in flourishing existence under the name of Saint John's Lodge. This, as Price himself declared, was the found-

ing of regular and duly organized Freemasonry in America.

In 1734 Price's warrant was extended to cover "His Majesty's dominions in North America." Other Provincial Grand Master's warrants were later granted by the English Grand Masters with very little regard for possible conflicts of authority. It does not appear, however, that any actual conflicts ever arose.

Previous to 1733 there unquestionably were self-constituted lodges in several of the American provinces, especially in Pennsylvania, where, in 1733, Benjamin Franklin was the leading Mason. In 1730 the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master of England, issued a commission to Daniel Coxe, as Provincial Grand Master for New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Coxe's commission was limited to two years. No evidence has yet been produced to show that he did anything under it. Until such evidence is produced we must hold, as Price held, that the lodges in Coxe's territory and elsewhere in North America were not "regular and duly constituted."

Franklin was evidently of the same opinion, as he got into communication with Price and asked that he

and his associates be regularized by him. Price appointed him Provincial Grand Master for Pennsylvania and announced the appointment at a meeting of Grand Lodge held February 21, 1735.

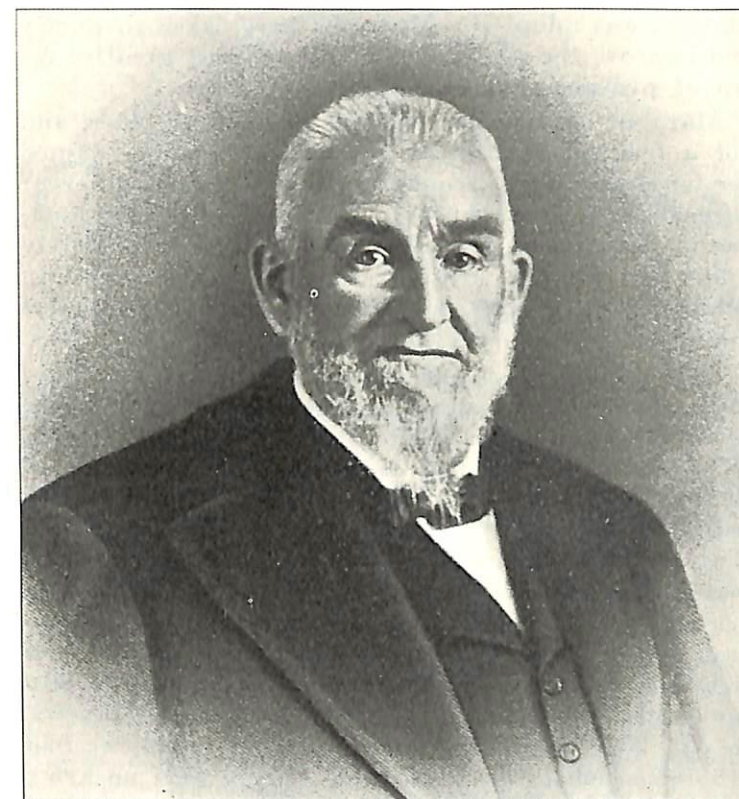
Massachusetts Masonry immediately took on the missionary aspect which has ever since characterized it. In 1735 Price issued warrants for a Lodge in Portsmouth, N. H., and for one in Charleston, S. C. Before 1792 the Saint John's Grand Lodge, as Henry Price's body was called, had warranted forty-one lodges of which we have record. The Massachusetts grand masters worked under English Masonic law. All lodges worked under warrants from the grand master. Grand lodge had no voice in their creation and grand masters did not always report their doings, so that there are many omissions and uncertainties in the records. Ten of these lodges were in Massachusetts, including Maine. Thirty-one were outside Massachusetts. Among these were four army lodges attached to regiments operating against the French in Canada during the wars between England and France.

In 1751 a second grand lodge was set up in London, started by Irish Masons there resident. They claimed to have usages of greater antiquity than those practiced by the existing grand lodge, and called themselves "Ancients" claiming that the existing body were "Moderns" or innovators. They established relations with the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, and for

more than half a century were formidable rivals of the old grand lodge. The two bodies differed on points of ritual, but the most striking difference lay in the powers given by lodge charters. The moderns confined their lodges to the entered apprentice and fellowcraft degrees. The Master Mason degree was given in an entirely separate body known as a masters' lodge. A master's lodge was formed in Boston in 1738, and, so far as Price's Grand Lodge was concerned, had a monopoly of the Master Mason degree until 1792. The Ancients conferred the three degrees from the beginning. They also held that any master Mason who had received any additional degrees could confer them under the charter of a lodge, but not in a regular lodge meeting.

By the middle of the century there were Masons in Boston who did not care to affiliate with Price's lodges. A group of them petitioned the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a charter, and received it in 1756, under the name of St. Andrew's Lodge, still in existence. This was followed in 1769 by a commission from the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, appointing Joseph Warren Provincial Grand Master for New England and one hundred miles around the same.

On December 27, 1769, Warren opened a provincial grand lodge, known as the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, consisting of St. Andrew's and two military lodges, No. 58 on the registry of England (Ancients)



Gyl G. Avenport

Freemason and philanthropist

and No. 322 of the registry of Ireland. The military lodges soon dropped out, but their places were taken by new lodges chartered by the new grand lodge. It is worth noting that, unlike the practice of the St. John's Grand Lodge, charters were voted by grand lodge. The Massachusetts Grand Lodge called itself Ancient. They used the Ancients' ritual, and not only conferred three degrees, but used their charters as cover for the conferring of other degrees. In August, 1769, a "Royal Arch Lodge" was held under the Charter of St. Andrew's Lodge, and conferred the Royal Arch and Knight Templar degrees. This Royal Arch Lodge was permanent, and is now in existence as St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter.

In the spring of 1770 a serious situation arose. One new lodge was constituted in Gloucester on March 2. The military lodges were withdrawn from the town after the "Boston Massacre" of March 5. On May 11 a special meeting of grand lodge was held, at which only six persons, all grand officers, were present, and no lodges were represented. A standing resolution was passed that "whenever summons's are issued for convening a grand lodge by the grand master or his direction, and the grand lodge in consequence thereof is congregated, the same is to all intents and purposes a legal grand lodge, however few in number, and as such may with the strictest propriety proceed to bus-

iness." This resolution was to be of the greatest importance sixty years later.

Between 1769 and 1792 the Massachusetts Grand Lodge chartered thirty lodges. Seventeen, including one in the Province of Maine, were in Massachusetts, and thirteen, including one army lodge, were outside Massachusetts.

The Revolutionary War brought confusion to both grand lodges. The Massachusetts Grand Lodge did not meet from March 3, 1775, to December 27, 1776. After the death of Warren at Bunker Hill, Joseph Webb carried on as deputy grand master until March 8, 1777, when the lodges assembled, declared themselves an independent grand lodge, and elected Webb grand master.

From January 27, 1775, to August 4, 1787, the records of the St. John's Grand Lodge are blank, although there is ample evidence from other sources that it continued to function and as an independent grand lodge. Thomas Brown, the grand secretary, was a Tory, and went to Halifax with the British garrison when Boston was evacuated, taking with him the records, jewels, etc., of the grand lodge. After the war was over the record book was recovered, but although the records were continued in the same book no attempt was made to write up the interim proceedings.

In 1792 the two grand lodges united, changing the name to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and electing John Cutler grand master. Saint Andrew's Lodge did not join, preferring to work independently under its Scottish charter. In 1809, however, it decided to transfer its allegiance, and Massachusetts Masonry was finally permanently unified.

In 1800, Grand Master Samuel Dunn made a great



THE GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE, MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON
Secretary Sereno D. Nickerson at desk. Wor. Bro. Nickerson had a wide reputation as a Masonic scholar.



GENERAL PERSHING
Soldier and Freemason



ANTHONY SAYER
First Grand Master of England, 1717

contribution to Masonry by devising the district deputy grand master system.

In 1820 the Province of Maine was admitted into the Union as a State. Upon petition of the thirty-one lodges located in Maine the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts assented to the formation by them of the Grand Lodge of Maine, promptly recognized the new grand lodge, and paid over to it a thousand dollars, as a fair share of the grand lodge funds.

A short period of great prosperity followed, but days of adversity were at hand. In 1826 the disappearance of William Morgan and the charge that he had been put to death for revealing the secrets of Masonry was the occasion, but not the cause, of a real persecution of the Masonic fraternity, which extended throughout the country. The story is too long to be told here. Suffice it to say that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts suffered with the rest, but less than some. Some grand lodges ceased to meet. Massachusetts never missed a quarterly communication, although the number of lodges represented was often pitifully small. Thanks, however, to the Resolution of 1770, the question of a quorum could never be raised. The number of lodges on the roster fell from 107 to 52, and Charles W. Moore, the great grand secretary, who served from 1834 to 1868, says that not above ten were really active.

The depth of the depression may be said to have been in 1833. The recovery was slow, and it is not until 1843 that we may call the persecution ended. Then old lodges began to recover their charters, and new lodges to be formed. A new code of grand con-

stitutions, the basis of all subsequent grand lodge legislation, was adopted. Measures were taken to purify and improve the ritual, which had suffered greatly. An era of prosperity began.

Many of our members served in the Civil War, and not a few lost their lives. Dispensations were issued for ten army lodges, connected with as many different regiments of Massachusetts troops. As usual in similar circumstances, the war and the years immediately following brought a great increase in membership. While definite figures are not available, it is probable that our numbers more than doubled in these few years.

There followed a period of consolidation and reconstruction, the dominating figure of which was the great Grand Master William Sewall Gardner, 1869, 1870, and 1871. After Gardner came a period of steady prosperity and regular growth, which lasted until the entry of the United States into the World War. This enormously, and not altogether wholesomely, stimulated Masonic activity. Our losses in the service, although many of the members went to war, were not large, but men who were going to war and, for a few years, returned soldiers, flocked into our lodges. On August 31, 1917, we had 75,685 members in 255 lodges, and on August 31, 1923, we had 115,585 members in 308 lodges. There were no army lodges, but M. W. Leon M. Abbott, who was grand



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master during the war years, 1917, 1918, and 1919, appointed a number of special military deputies who served with the army and navy.

The great increase in membership caused by the Great War threw burdens on the grand lodge, for which the organization and resources which had been built up under simpler conditions were not adequate. M. W. Dudley H. Ferrell, grand master in 1923, 1924, and 1925, began the work of reorganization, and M. W. Frank L. Simpson, who succeeded him in 1926, 1927, and 1928, carried on the work most efficiently.

The Williams and Davenport Memorial buildings were added to the Masonic Home. The home had been in operation since 1911, but there was urgent need for larger accommodations. The capital cost was met by the bequests of William H. Williams and Orlando H. Davenport, but operating costs had to be met. There was also need for a hospital to minister to the wants of our brethren and their dependents who were afflicted with chronic or incurable diseases, and for whom no

adequate care could be provided in ordinary hospitals. The munificent gift of the Juniper Hall estate of R. W. Matthew J. Whittall, presented by his widow, furnished the nucleus of such a hospital. An addition fully equipped according to the best hospital standards was erected at a cost of over \$200,000. The fraternity contributed \$100,000 to the building cost and another \$100,000 to a maintenance fund. The grand lodge provided the rest of the cost and assumed the maintenance expense, an amount much in excess of the income from the fund.

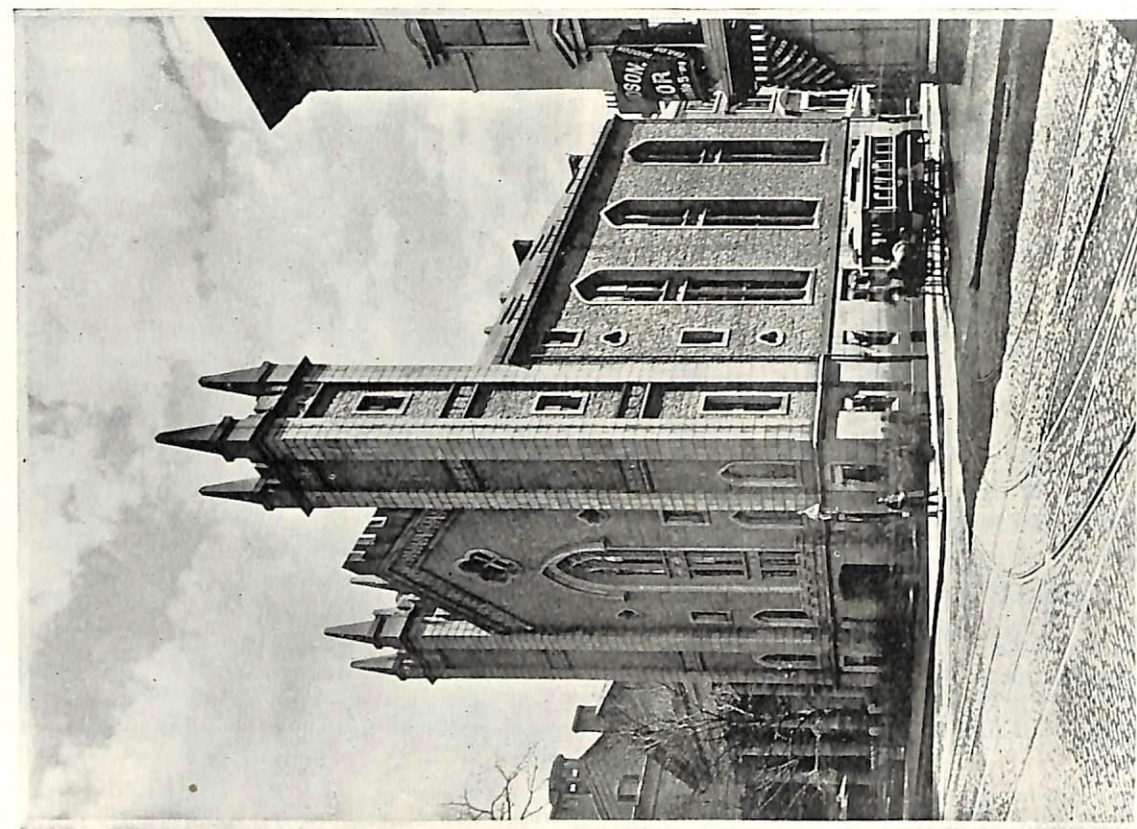
Calls for assistance to the lodges in their relief work greatly increased, especially after the financial depression set in in 1929.

Our experience in and after the war showed the need of much better instructed members than were being produced by the older methods and a beginning was made on building up a Department of Education. This was developed in the next administration, that of M. W. Herbert W. Dean, by creating a state-wide system of lodges of instruction. Under the continuing care of the present grand master this has reached a point where almost all the lodges are enrolled in the lodges of instruction. This was pioneer work on the part of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

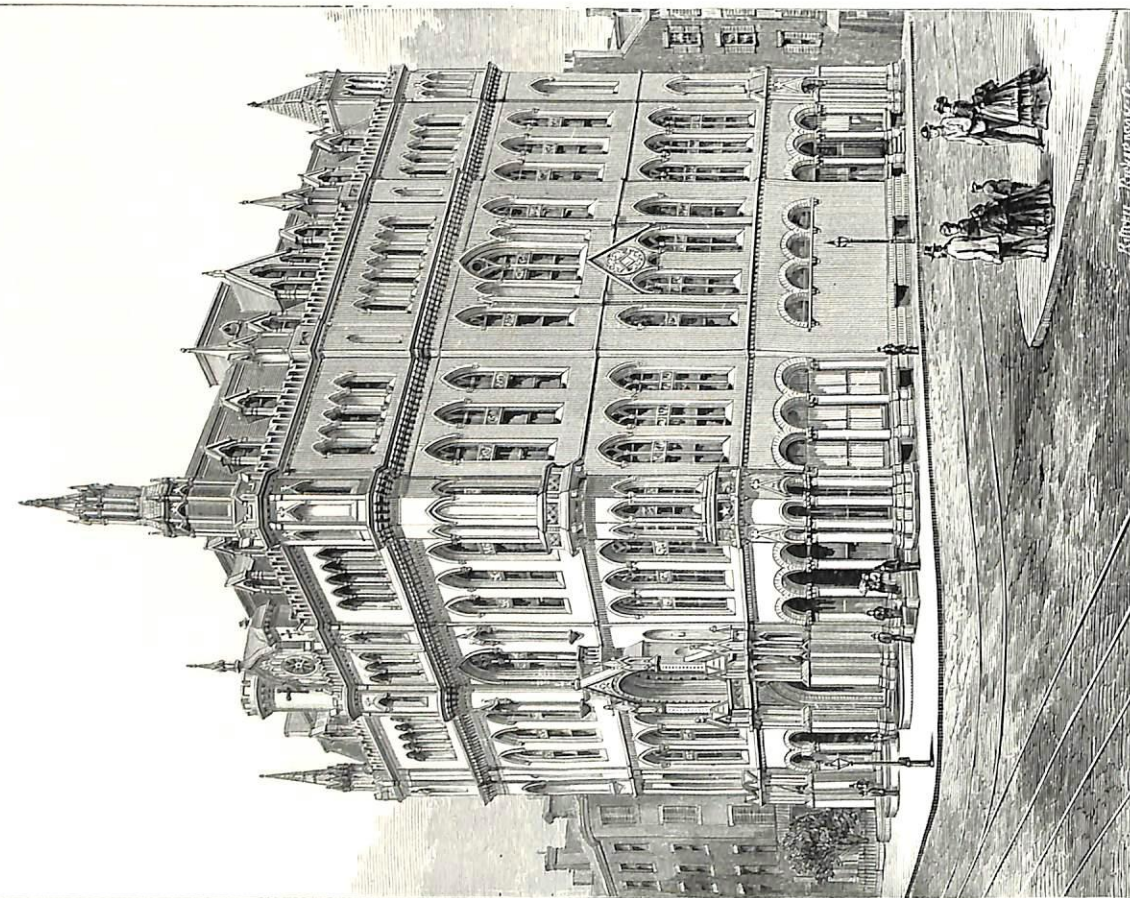
Experience also showed the need of organizing and directing those mutual services which Masons owe each other and are glad to render when shown the need and the opportunity. This resulted in the organization of a Masonic Service Department with state-wide activities.

All this called for much larger resources than the grand lodge had at its disposal. Previous to this time the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, unlike other grand lodges, had no per capita tax on its members. In 1924 the grand lodge, by a nearly unanimous vote, established grand lodge dues, to be paid by every member. This provided the necessary revenue for carrying on the work of the grand lodge. It should be emphasized that by far the greater part of this added resource goes to the relief work of the grand lodge. The small remainder is used for service and education.

The last ten years may be summarized as a period of reorganization and development. To use a mechanical metaphor, the machinery has been tightened and tuned up. The work of the district deputy grand masters has become more intensive and effective than ever before. The masters of lodges have been brought into closer touch with the grand lodge and the grand master. Their sense of responsibility has been deepened and their zeal and efficiency have been increased. The lodges have cooperated cheerfully and with increasing effectiveness in relief work and in all the other enterprises of the grand lodge. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts faces its third century with a spirit, an organization, and a competence to meet the problems the century will bring, better than it has possessed at any previous period in its existence.



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IN any account which may be given of the two hundred years' history of Freemasonry in Massachusetts much material must of necessity be omitted. The printed proceedings alone of Grand Lodge embrace thousands of pages, much of which, while extremely valuable to the historian, and for that reason indispensable for the archives, is of only incidental value to the lay reader.

Physical limitations, therefore, prevent other than a synopsis of the significant events covering so long a period of time. In this issue of THE CRAFTSMAN that synopsis is attempted. Any exhaustive treatise would serve to defeat the purpose of this recital.

Reference has herein been frequently made to Grand Lodge records. In the printed pages which follow, the high lights of Massachusetts Freemasonry only have been touched upon. That these are sufficient in scope to enable our readers to glimpse the affairs of the Craft as they have transpired over the past two centuries is a consummation earnestly hoped for.

The labor of covering so long a period of time, involving as it does verification of innumerable records,

has been extremely interesting. No one who has not attempted such an undertaking and noted with what fidelity and skill the ancestors of present day Freemasons did their work, can properly appreciate the unselfish devotion of these men in the work to which so many of them dedicated their best talents.

Massachusetts, where so much of the history of this country has been made, has not reached the pre-eminent position she occupies without great effort and much unselfish sacrifice. Her men, and women, have made records which will stand in the annals of all time as an example for others to follow. In the great part played upon the stage of the Commonwealth as well as in the national drama, Freemasons from the very earliest days of the Bay State Colony have had an important and influential part.

Members of the Craft hereabouts, as well as thousands who have migrated to other parts, may well take pride in the doings of their predecessors and treasure the valuable heritage which has been handed down to them.

That this year and the years ahead will justify the faith of the founders is confidently hoped for. To that hope the following pages, recording in some measure the splendid performances of men long since departed and whose lives inspire this issue, the present June number, is dedicated.

In the compilation of the material used in this issue of THE CRAFTSMAN the editor feels a sense of responsibility to the thousands of readers who will scan its pages as well as gratitude to those men who in the midst of busy days of preparation for this auspicious occasion, have by their fraternal counsel and assistance and with uniform courtesy and patience lent aid to the editor.

Specifically, thanks are due to Most Worshipful Grand Master Chipman, Right Worshipful Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary; Right Worshipful Frank W. Hilton, as well as to others in and about the several apartments of Masonic Temple, Boston, who have helped in no small degree in the preparation of this issue.

Copious extracts have been made from the printed records in the priceless accumulation of books of the Grand Lodge library. The work of research has been extremely interesting. No one engaging in the pursuit of Masonic Knowledge of past generations can come away from a perusal of the work and records of those early days without a sense of pride in the knowledge that they, through the careful observance of Masonic obligations and faithful adherence to the sound principles of Masonic conduct laid well and true the foundation of a mighty structure, gave inspiration to their successors and left to their posterity a priceless heritage.



SIR ALFRED ROBBINS
Chairman of the Board of General Purposes of the G. L. of England until his recent death. A visitor to this country on different occasions and greatly loved by all who knew him

The Temple—What Makes It of Worth

You may delve down to rock for your foundation piers,
You may go with your steel to the sky;
You may purchase the best of the thought of the years,
And the finest of workmanship buy.
You may line with the rarest of marble each hall,
And with gold you may tint it; but then
It is only a building if it, after all,
Isn't filled with the spirit of men.

You may put up a structure of brick and of stone,
Such as never was put up before;
Place there the costliest woods that are grown,
And carve every pillar and door.
You may fill it with splendors of quarry and mine,
With the glories of brush and of pen—
But it's only a building, though ever so fine,
If it hasn't the spirit of men.

You may build such structure that lightning can't harm,
Or one that an earthquake can't raze;
You may build it of granite, and boast that its charm
Shall last to the end of all days.
But you might as well never have builded at all,
Never cleared off the bog and the fen,
If, after it's finished, its sheltering wall
Doesn't stand for the spirit of men.

For it isn't the marble, nor is it the stone,
Nor is it the columns of steel,
By which is the worth of an edifice known;
But it's something that's LIVING and REAL.

—EDGAR GUEST.

A Sketch of Masonry in Massachusetts

Extracts from the Records of Grand Lodge

THE Archives of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts contain the earliest Masonic Records now known to be in existence on this continent. Those of the Provincial Grand Lodge, organized by Henry Price in 1733, generally known as Saint John's Grand Lodge (Moderns), and those of the Massachusetts Provincial Grand Lodge, organized by Joseph Warren (Ancients), are set forth in this volume, as nearly as possible *verbatim et literatim*.

We have also in our archives the following described Records of subordinate Lodges:

I. RECORD OF THE FIRST LODGE IN BOSTON, from December 27, 1738 (O.S.) to July 24, 1754.

II. RECORD OF THE SECOND LODGE IN BOSTON, from December 21, 1761, to February 16, 1775.

III. RECORD OF THE MASTERS' LODGE IN BOSTON, from January 2, 1738 (O.S.), to January 15, 1783.

The Records of these three Lodges furnish considerable information as to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. For the first half century of their existence the history of the Grand Lodge and of the First Lodge, so far as we know it, seems to have been curiously intermingled. The Records of one Body frequently report transactions of the other. The First Lodge was often called the "Mother Lodge," and Grand Master Gardner said its Records "gave a better account of Masonry

in Boston than the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and minute and full accounts of the progress of the Craft here were set out upon its pages." This intermingling may have been due, in part, to the fact that both Records were for a time the work of the same Brother.

Peter Pelham was made a Mason in the First Lodge in Boston on the 8th of November, 1738. On the 26th of December, 1739, he was elected Secretary, and the Record of that meeting is entered in a new and beautiful handwriting, and the same style is continued for five years. He served in that office until September 26, 1744, when he was succeeded by his son Charles. The Record of the Lodge recites that on the 8th of August, 1744, "Brother Price proposed Mr. Charles Pelham as a Candidate." He was accepted on the 22d of the same month, and on the 12th of September "was made a Mason in due Form." On the 26th it was "Voted, That our late Sec^r, Bro. P. Pelham, be paid Ten Pounds, with the Thanks of the Society for his past Services"; also "Voted, That Bro. Charles Pelham be Secretary, in the Room of our Late Sec^r, who has laid it down." He served the Lodge in that capacity until July 24, 1754, (when the volume ends,) and perhaps longer. This is the only book of Records of the First Lodge in Boston now known to exist. The



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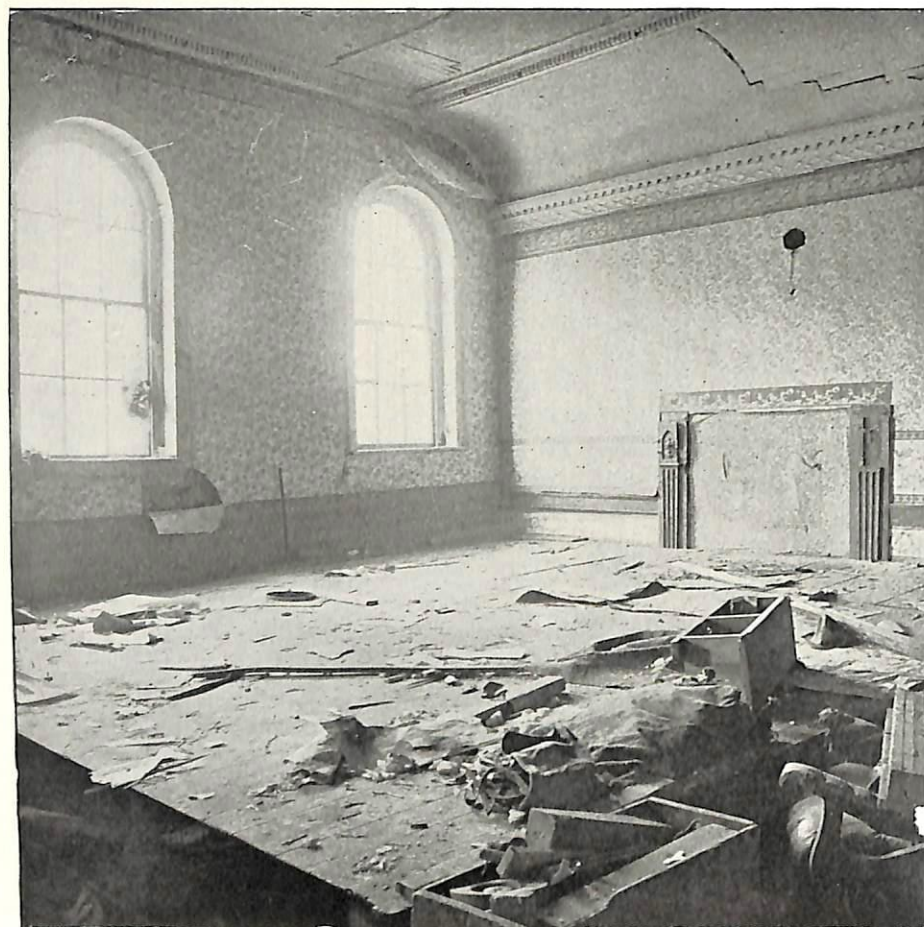
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penmanship of both these Secretaries is bold, clear, and beautiful, as distinct as when first executed, and as well done as it could be to-day.

It will be observed that the first nine pages of the "Proceedings in Masonry" of Saint John's Provincial Grand Lodge are occupied with copies of Deputations and memoranda of some of the principal Masonic events which had occurred in America between the 30th of July, 1733, and February 6, 1750 (O.S.). The Record proper, or the contemporaneous Record, com-

The Records of Massachusetts Grand Lodge are continuous from December 27, 1769, when that Provincial Grand Lodge was organized, until March 5, 1792, when the two Grand Lodges were united. The principal interruption was when "the Town was Blockaded." Joseph Warren presided for the last time on the 3d of March, 1775, then followed the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill, and no Record appears until the 27th of December, 1776, when the Brethren assembled to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. It is

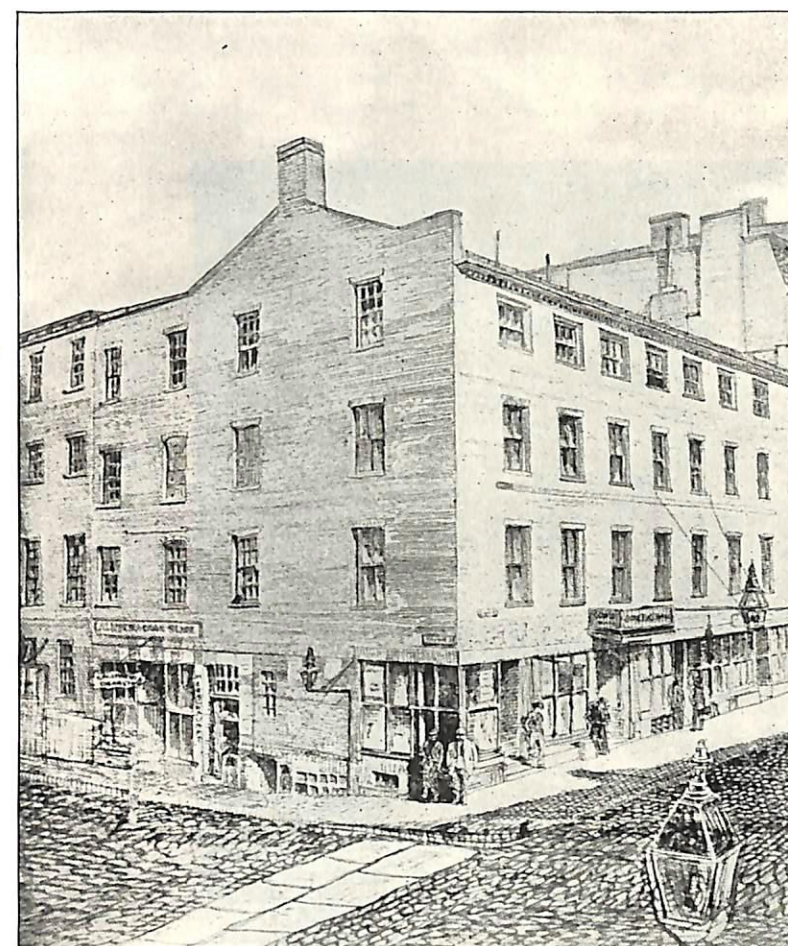


A view of the old Masonic Temple at Boston—in process of demolition
A curious commentary on this old building is the fact that its stones now form a major part of the edifice known as St. Hughs Church (R. C.) in Roxbury.

mences April 13, 1750, and immediately follows the memoranda. We must, therefore, conclude that the latter were entered in the volume at or about the time that the Record proper commences. We believe the handwriting to be that of Charles Pelham. His name appears first, in the capacity of Grand Secretary, in the Record of June 24, 1751, and his service in the office appears, from the change in handwriting, to have ended with the meeting of January 20, 1752, although no successor is named until July 10, 1752. The records of Trinity Church, in Boston, where he had long worshipped, show that Peter Pelham, the father of Charles, was buried December 14, 1751. The death of the father may account for the termination of the service of the son as Grand Secretary one month later, although he continued to act as Secretary of the First Lodge for two years and a half longer.

singular that no reference is made to the funeral of Grand Master Warren, which was held on the 8th of April, 1776. The remains were borne in solemn procession to King's Chapel, where the Grand Marshal, Perez Morton, delivered a eulogy, which has often been compared to the oration of Mark Antony over the dead body of Caesar. In the meantime the town had been evacuated and General Gage and the Tory Refugees had fled to Halifax. The meetings were resumed, an independent Grand Lodge was organized by the election of Grand Master Webb, and an unbroken Record was kept until the Union.

The St. John's Grand Lodge was not so fortunate. The Record stops abruptly with the meeting of January 27, 1775, and is not resumed until the 17th of February, 1787. Brother Charles W. Moore, in his memoir of John Cutler, expresses the opinion that the meetings



Concert Hall, Boston
Early meeting place of Freemasons

were suspended during the period named "in consequence of the war and the general dispersion which seems to have taken place among the Brethren." Following this opinion, it has generally been supposed, and in fact has been assumed by all our historians, that Saint John's Grand Lodge and its subordinates held no Communications from the 27th of January, 1775, until the 17th of February, 1787. We are strongly inclined to doubt the correctness of this general belief in so protracted an interruption of the work of the St. John's Lodges and Grand Lodge. The opinion probably had its origin in the fact that the Records of the meetings of the Grand Lodge held on the dates last named are on opposite pages, and no allusion is made to any interruption or to any meetings held during the interval.

The Grand Secretary in 1775 was Thomas Brown. He was also the Secretary of the Second Lodge, of which his last Record was under date of February 16, 1775. He probably remained shut up in Boston, while it was occupied by General Gage, and during that period it is hardly to be supposed that any Masonic meetings could have been held. When the evacuation took place, our "Tory" Brother Brown sought refuge in Halifax, taking his Records with him.

One year after peace was concluded, Brother Brown wrote to Grand Master Rowe, offering to return the Records, upon payment of the amount which he claimed to be due him. Nearly three years elapsed

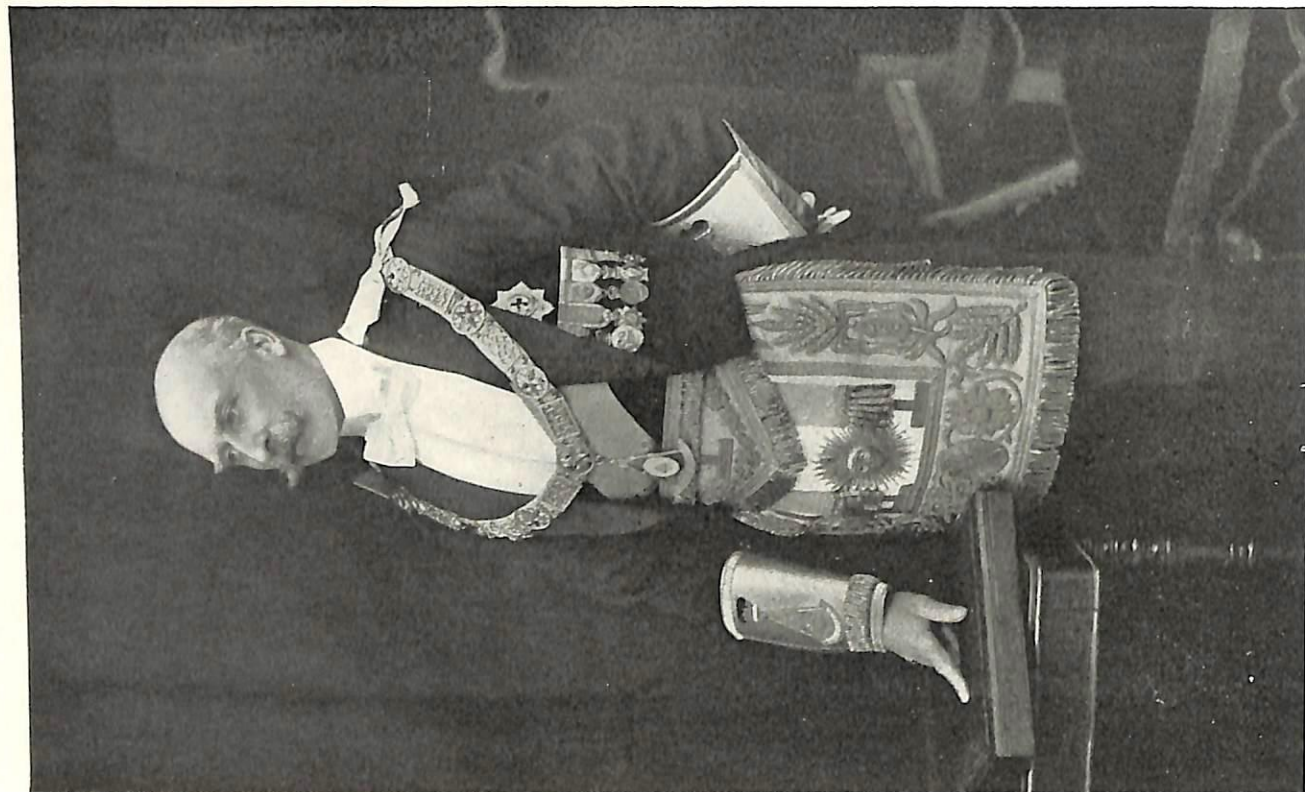
before this proposal was accepted. Six months after the death of Grand Master Rowe provision was made for the payment of Brother Brown's claim, and the precious Records were returned. The volume belonging to the Grand Lodge furnished the first two hundred and twenty-five pages of the first proceedings in Masonry" in Massachusetts.

We can readily understand that the exigencies of the times seriously interfered with the regular and orderly practice of the duties of Masonry, at the customary Stated Communications, by the First and Second Lodges and the Saint John's Grand Lodge. It does not, however, seem probable that those organizations omitted their assemblies entirely for twelve years; especially in view of the fact that the Massachusetts Grand Lodge and its subordinates held their Communications with great regularity during the whole period. It seems much more probable that meetings were held and the Record is lost. We narrowly escaped an irreparable loss, as already described. If Brother Brown had been an "indifferent Man," if he had not regarded the Records "as consequential Matters," or if he had died before their return, we might have lost them beyond all hope of recovery.

Scraps of evidence are occasionally coming to light which prove that there was some life in the Saint John's Lodges during the period between 1775 and 1787. The diary of Grand Master Rowe states that he celebrated the Feast of Saint John the Baptist in 1776 with the Brethren of the Lodges under his direction. Diplomas are reported, and are even now extant, which were issued during the period named—notably the diploma of Commodore Samuel Tucker, who was made a Mason in Saint John's Lodge, of Boston, in January, 1779. Reports are given in the newspapers of meetings of Lodges in 1780 (see "Proceedings, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts," 1892, p. 30). The present St. John's Lodge formerly held a Charter is-



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H. R. H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England

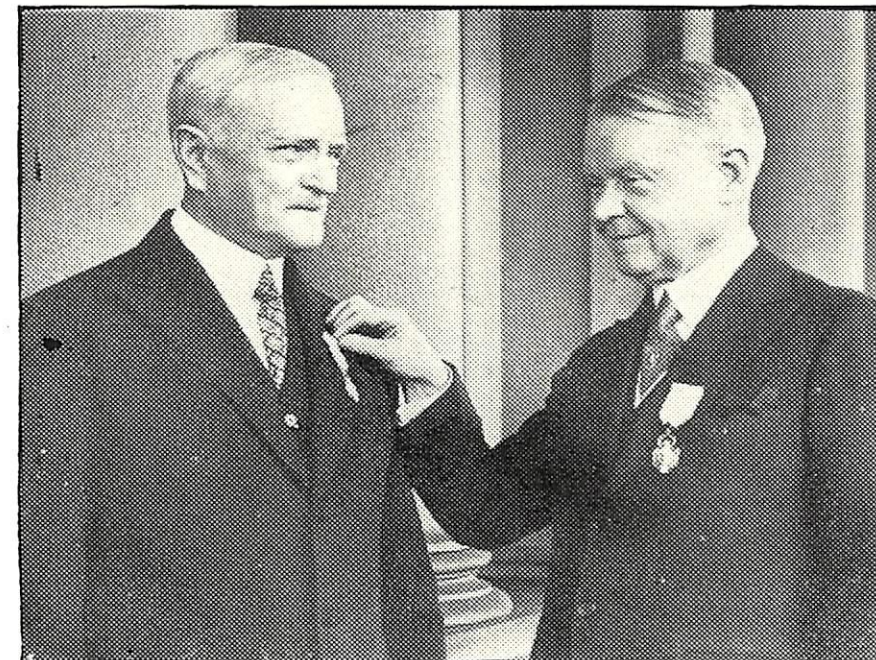


H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES
Heir to the throne of Great Britain and an active officer in
English Freemasonry

sued by authority of John Rowe, Grand Master, and bearing date February 7, 1783.

Fleet's "Pocket Almanack," published in Boston in 1784, states that, on account of the Records of the "First Grand Lodge in Boston" being carried away by Brother Brown, "a particular List of the several Lodges in North America, who received Deputations

These items of evidence seem to afford good reason for believing that the Saint John's Lodges and Grand Lodge, between 1775 and 1787, were neither dead nor absolutely dormant. We believe they were working during that whole period, but unfortunately the written Record of their doings is lost, as is the case with the First Lodge from 1754 to 1783, and which no one



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A LITTLE CONTEMPORARY MASONIC INCIDENT

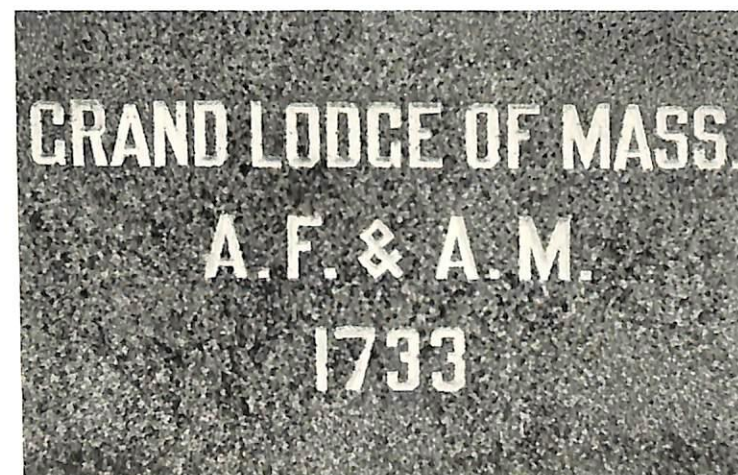
The eagle and diploma of honorary membership in the Society of the Cincinnati is formally conferred on Gen. Pershing by Brig.-Gen. William E. Horton, retired, on behalf of the Society of the Cincinnati in New Hampshire which elected the general to honorary membership. Both of these illustrious soldiers are members of the Masonic fraternity. General Horton has the distinction of being the most "decorated" men in the United States.

from, and are under its jurisdiction, cannot at present be obtained. They are in number about Thirty. Those in Boston are, St. John's or 1st Lodge and 2d Lodge, now united in one." Furthermore, the Records of this "united" Lodge from 1783 to the present time are complete and in good condition. The Record of the Masters' Lodge in Boston shows that meetings were held from April, 780, to January, 1783, although there is a break from April, 1768, to April, 1780.

pretends was dead or dormant during most of that interval.

SERENO D. NICKERSON,
Recording Grand Secretary.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON,
November 11, 1895.



At foot of Pilgrim Monument, Provincetown, Mass.



Where St. John's Lodge (Chile) meets
under the Massachusetts Constitution



THEODORE ROOSEVELT
Former President of the United States and a Freemason

BEGINNINGS

(Original spelling is retained.)

Proceedings in Masonry from its First Origin in North America under our Rt Worshl Bror Mr Henry Price Grand Master; In ye Year of Masonry 5733. Anno Domini 1733.

5733 July 30. Our Rt Worshl Bror Mr Henry Price by Virtue of a Commission to him Granted from the Rt Honble and Rt Worshl Anthony Lord Viscount Mountague, Grand Master of England, in London to be Provincial Grand Master of North America, over the Ancient and Honble Society of Free and Accepted Masons, did on this day Congregate the Brethren and Form them into a Regular Lodge to be holden at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern in Kingstreet on the second and Fourth Wednesday in every Month.

Here follows sd Commission &c

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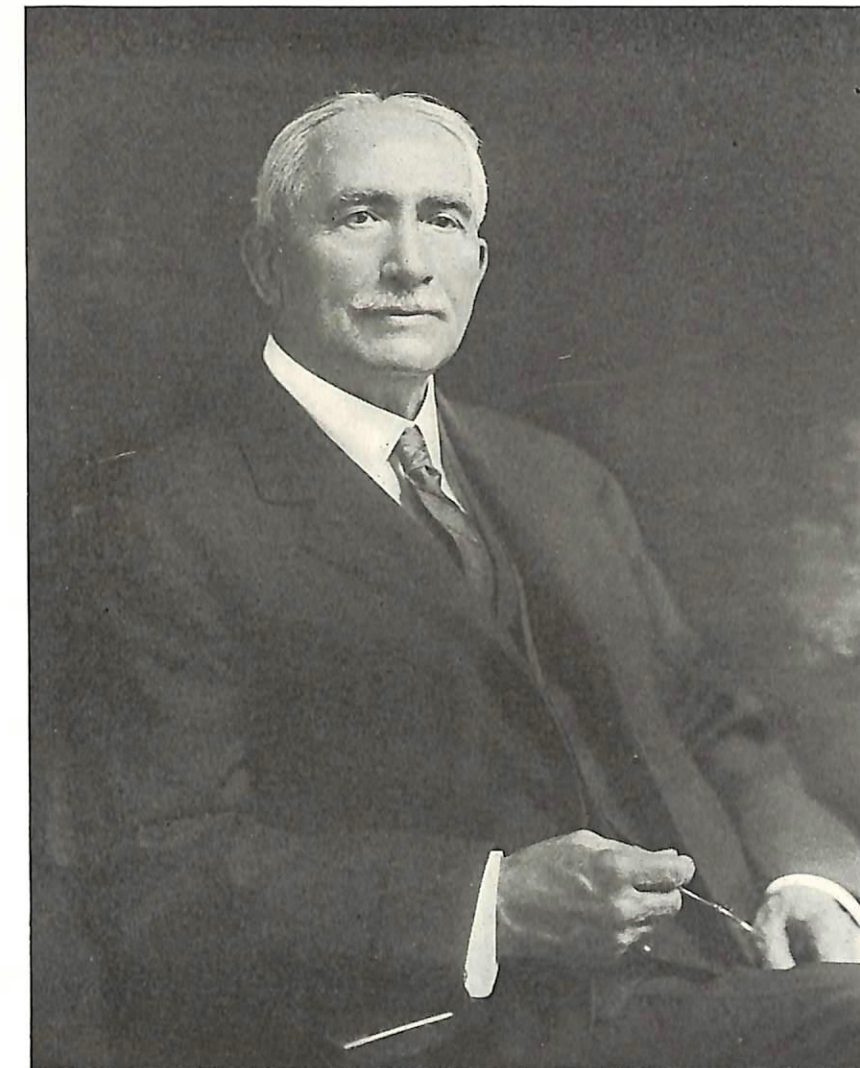
To all and every Our Rt Worshl Worshipful and Loving Brethren now Residing or who may hereafter Reside in New England,

The Rt Honble and Rt Worshl Anthony Lord Viscount Montague Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England,

SENDETH GREETING

Whereas Application has been made unto us by our Rt Worshl and well Beloved Bror Mr Henry Price in behalf of himself and several other Brethren now Residing in New England aforesaid Free and Accepted Masons, that We would be pleas'd to Nominate and Appoint a Provincial Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in N: England aforesaid:

Now Know YE That we have nominated, Ordain'd Constituted and appointed and do by these Presents Nominate, Ordain, Constitute and appoint Our said Worshl and well Beloved Bror Mr Henry Price, Provincial Grand Master of New England aforesaid and Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging with full power and Authority to Nominate and appoint his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, and We do also hereby Impower the said Mr Henry Price for us and in Our place and Stead, to Constitute the Brethren (Free and Accepted Masons) now Residing or who shall hereafter reside in those parts, into One or more Regular Lodge or Lodges, as he shall think fit, and as often as Occasion shall require. He the said Mr Henry Price, taking special care that all and every Member of any Lodge or Lodges so to be Constituted have been or shall be made Regular Masons, and that they do cause all and every the Regulations Contain'd in the Printed Book of Constitutions (except so far as they have



MATTHEW J. WHITTALL
Ardent Freemason, Prominent Manufacturer and Philanthropist

been alter'd by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly meetings) to be kept and Observ'd and also all such other Rules and Instructions as shall from time to time be Transmitted to him by us or by Thomas Batson Esqr Our Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Master or his Deputy do send to us or Our Deputy Grand Master and to the Grand Master of England or his Deputy for the time being annually, an acct in Writing of the number of Lodges so Constituted with the Names of the several Members of each Particular Lodge, together with such other Matters & things as he or they shall think fit to Communicate for the Prosperity of the Craft.

And Lastly we Will and Require that our said Provincial Grand Master of New England do Annually cause the Brethren to keep the Feast of St John the Evangelist, and Dine together on that Day, or (in case any Accident should happen to prevent their Dining together on that Day) on any other Day near that time as he shall Judge most fit as is done here and that at all Quarterly Communications, he do recommend a General Charity to be Establish'd for the Relief of Poor Brethren in those parts.

Given under Our Hand and Seal of office at London the Thirtieth Day of April 1733 & of Masonry 5733.

By the Grand Master's Command

THOS BATSON D.G.M.
G. ROOKE S.G.W.
J. SMYTHE J.G.W.

The Brethren being Regularly met at the House of Edward Lutwych at ye sign of the Bunch of Grapes in Kingstreet Boston New England on Monday July 30th Anno Domini 1733 anno Masonry 5733. Unanimously agreed to Pettition our Rt Worshl Mr Henry Price Provincial Grand Master, to Constitute them into a Regular Lodge, and did according Present him the following Pettition. Vizt

To the Rt Worshl Brother Mr Henry Price Deputed Provincial Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of New England By Our Rt Worshl and Worshl Brother and Rt Honourable Anthony Lord Viscount Montague Grand Master of England as p. Deputation seal'd with the Office Seal and sign'd by Our Rt Worshl Brothers Thos Batson Esqr Deputy Grand Master, & Geo: Rooke and Jas Moor Smythe Esqrs Grand Wardens Dated in London ye 13th Day of April Anno Domini 1733 & of Masonry 5733.

The Humble Pettition of the following subscribers in behalf of themselves and Worshl and Ancient Brotherhood belonging to the Society of Free and Accepted Masons now Residing in New England.

SHEWETH That your Pettitioners are very sensible of Honour done to us here by your said Deputation, and forasmuch as We are a sufficient number of Brethren Regularly made and are now desirous of Enjoying each other, for Our Harmony together and Union as well as Our



An early caricature of Freemasonry

Brethren that may at any time arrive here or such as may be made Brothers hereafter that is to say in due Manner and Form Therefore We Request, as well in Our own Name and Names as in the Name and Names of all other Brethren it may Concern, That you will please to give the necessary Orders to all our Brethren within your Limits to give their due Attendance and Assistance in their several and Respective Capacities towards Constituting a Regular Lodge this Evening at the sign of the Bunch of Grapes in Kingstreet known by the name of the House of Mr Edward Lutwych or at any other place or places as Our said Rt Worshl Grand Master shall think proper to be then and there held and Constituted according to Ancient Custom of Masons, and such Lodges to be held on every second and Fourth Wednesday in each Month for the Common Good of us and Brethren; Your Compliance herein we doubt not will Redound to the Honour of the Craft, and Encourage many worthy Gentelman to become Brethren and Fellows of this Rt Worshl and Ancient Society, and your Brethren and Pettitioners shall ever Pray.

Dated at Boston in New England July 30th 1733. 5733.
sign'd

JAMES GORDON
JOHN WADDELL
EDMD ELLIS
WM GORDON
JOHN BAKER
THOS MOLONEY
ANDW HALLIBURTON
ROBT PEASLEY
JOHN GORDON

HENRY HOPE
THOS KENNELLY
JOHN QUANN
FRED HAMILTON
JOHN MCNEIL
PETER HALL
MATW YOUNG
SAML PEMBERTON
ANDREW BELCHER

Our said Rt Worshl Grand Master having Form'd a Grand Lodge, appointing Our Rt Worshl Brethren Thos Kennelly, and John Quann G: Wardens pro tempore, Order'd his Commission or Deputation aforesaid to be Read as also Our Pettition and Granting the Prayer thereof, did then and there in the most solemn manner according to Ancient Rt and Custom and the Form prescribed in Our Printed Book of Constitutions; Constitute us into Regular Lodge in manner and Form, upon which We immediately proceeded (By Our said Rt Worshl Grand Masters Order) to chuse a Master, & Unanimously Chose Our Worshl Bro Henry Hope Esqr Master of this Our

New Constituted Lodge, who then Nominated and appointed Our Worshl Brethren Mr Fredk Hamilton, Mr. Jas. Gordon his Wardens, to which all the Brethren unanimously Concurr'd, paying the usual Respects to Our said Worshl new Chosen Master and Wardens, and Presenting them to Our Right Worshipful Grand Master who Caus'd them to be duely Examin'd and being found well Qualified approv'd and Confirm'd them in their several stations by Investing them with the Implements of their Office, giving each his particular Charge and Admonishing the Brethren of the Lodge to due Obedience and submission according to Our Printed Book of Constitutions, Charges and Regulations &c.

(THUS WAS MASONRY FOUNDED IN NEW ENGLAND.)

The records go on telling of the doings of the Craft generally and are replete with incidents invaluable to the historian.



A tablet to the memory of a noted Massachusetts Freemason. His former home at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, is now used as a hospital for incurables under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Thus we find a greeting from the Earl of Loudoun, etc., Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of England, and the commissioning (April 20, 1737) of Rt. Worshipful Brother Mr. Robert Tomlinson as Provincial G. M. of North America "in the Room of Rt. Wor. Grand Master Price who resigned."

The feasts of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist were regularly observed in June and December respectively. In this connection it is interesting to compare a menu of those early days with the most recent of these banquets held last December (1932).

A BANQUET AT "HALF A DOLLAR A HEAD"
MADEIRA AT 3 PISTEREENS A BOTTLE

"Bill of Fare for Feast of St. John the Evangelist — 1769

"A Commit Chosen by Saint Andrews Lodg to Agree with Brother F. Gerald to provide a diner for the Lodg. Thos Knox, Stephen Bruce, Sam. Moar.

3 Boil'd Turkeys & Oyster Sauce	6 roasted Ducks
3 roasted d°	2 Hams Bacon
1 doz. Fowles Boil'd wth Pork & Cabbage	4 Neats Tongues
A Rump & part of a Sirloin Beef Roasted	2 Chicken Pies
2 doz Apple & Cranberry Tarts	Butter, Cheese
2 plain & 2 plumb Pudding	Onion & Cranberry Sauce.
Cellery, Oyl, Pepper, Salt, Horse Raddish	Vinegar, Bread, Mustard.

Custards & Jelleys for Bread
A Roast of Alamode Beef

Agreed to Supply the above at half a Dollar & head, paying for fifty men whether they be at the Feast or Not, if more to pay so many more half Dollars & head, Madeira Wine at three pistereens & Bottle

Boston, Dec. 18, 1769 & Ls F. Gerald

It is further Agreed for two Beef pyes 2 Legs of Corn'd Pork 2 geese Roasted.

In consideration wherof the partys to pay for sixty whether there or not, if more in proportion."

MENU — 1932

Olives	Celery	Casaba Melon	Candied Ginger
		Radishes	
		Salted Nuts	
Essence of Tomato			Bread Sticks
		Scallops Newburg en Ramekin	
Filet Mignon			Bordelaise Sauce
Baked Stuffed Potatoes			New String Beans
Hearts of Lettuce			Roquefort Dressing
		Decorated Crown Moulds of Ice Creams	
Frozen Pudding			Chocolate Parfait
		Orange Bombe with Strawberry Mousse Centre	
		Assorted Fancy Cakes	
		Demi Tasse	

Truly there were trenchermen in the good old days. We wonder how our present day Masons would like to sit down to such a meal as these early members had placed before them.

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A GRAND LODGE MEETING IN CAMBRIDGE

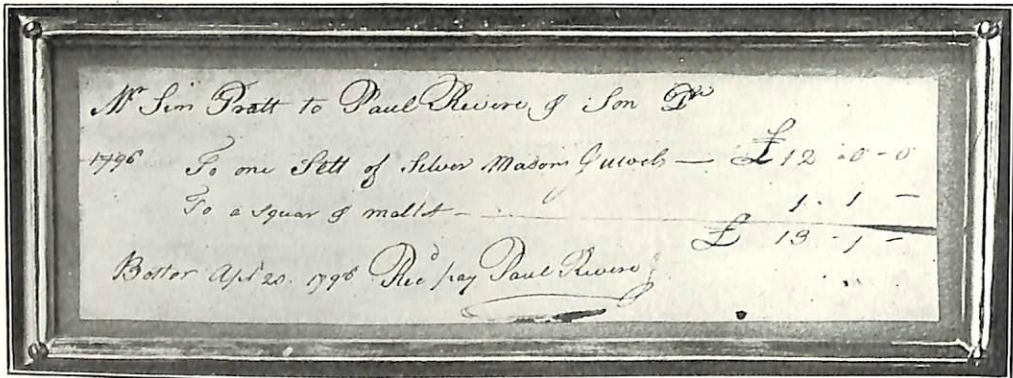
From the records of June 24th, 1751, we learn that St. John's Day was celebrated "in Cambridge" as follows:



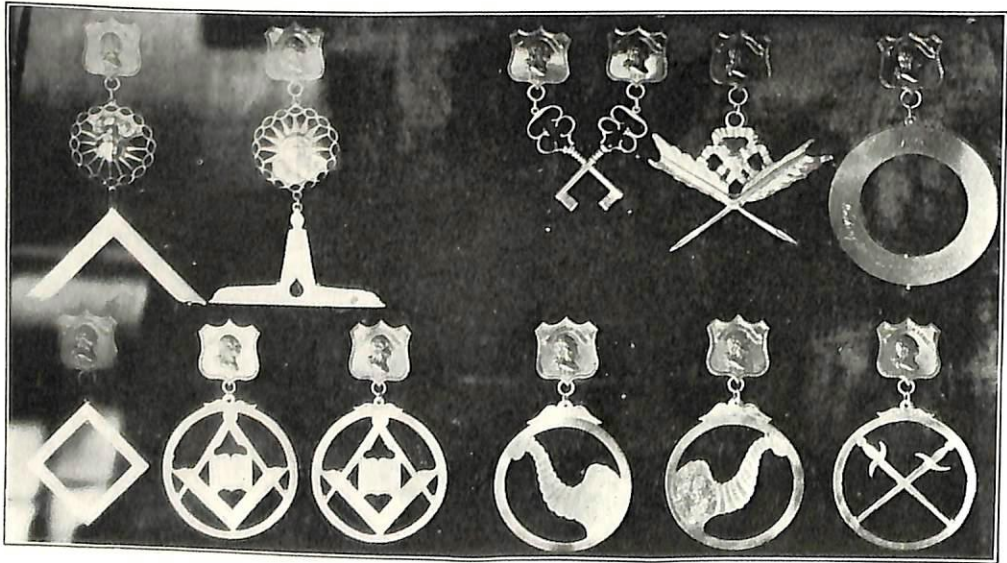
Mementos of the Lodge at Alexandria, Virginia—G. Washington's Lodge



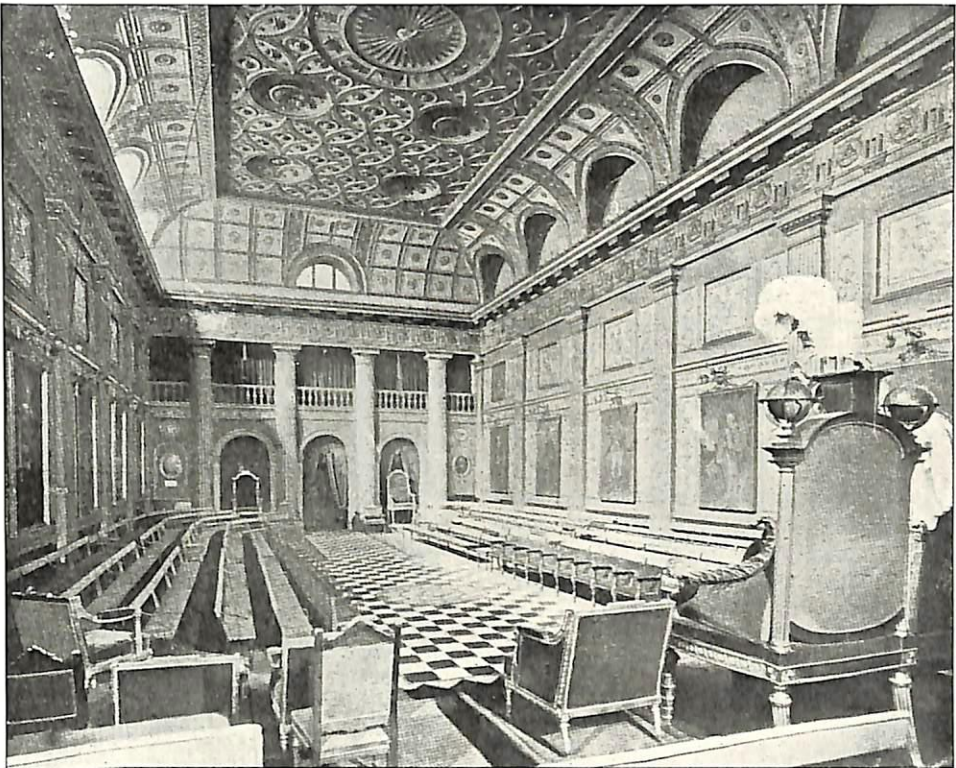
The Henry Price Medal



Paul Revere's bill for Grand Lodge Jewels



Washington Lodge Jewels



THE TEMPLE—OLD FREEMASONS HALL
Great Queen Street, London

"Monday June ye 24th 1751.

Being the Festival of St John the Baptist.

The Brethren went in the Morning in Regular Procession to the House of Mr. Richardson in Cambridge (Bro Prices House at Manotomy being Incumbr'd by sickness) where Our Rt. Worshl G: M. held a Grand Lodge and the Day was Celebrated (at an Eligant Entertainment) as usual among Masons, with great satisfaction, good Harmony, and Exact Decorum. The whole Concluded by Returning to Town in proper Order in the afternoon.

Present.

The R Worshl Bro: Thos Oxnard G: M.
" " " " Bro: Mc Daniel D: G. M.
" " " " Bro: Hallowell S: G: W.
" " " " Bro: Jno Box J: G: W.
" " " " Bro: Jno Rowe G: T.

Chas Pelham, G: S."

How refreshing to find that after such a participation the brethren returned all the way from Cambridge, and this before the days of trolley cars, and after an "elgant" entertainment "in good order."



A London Landmark—THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP

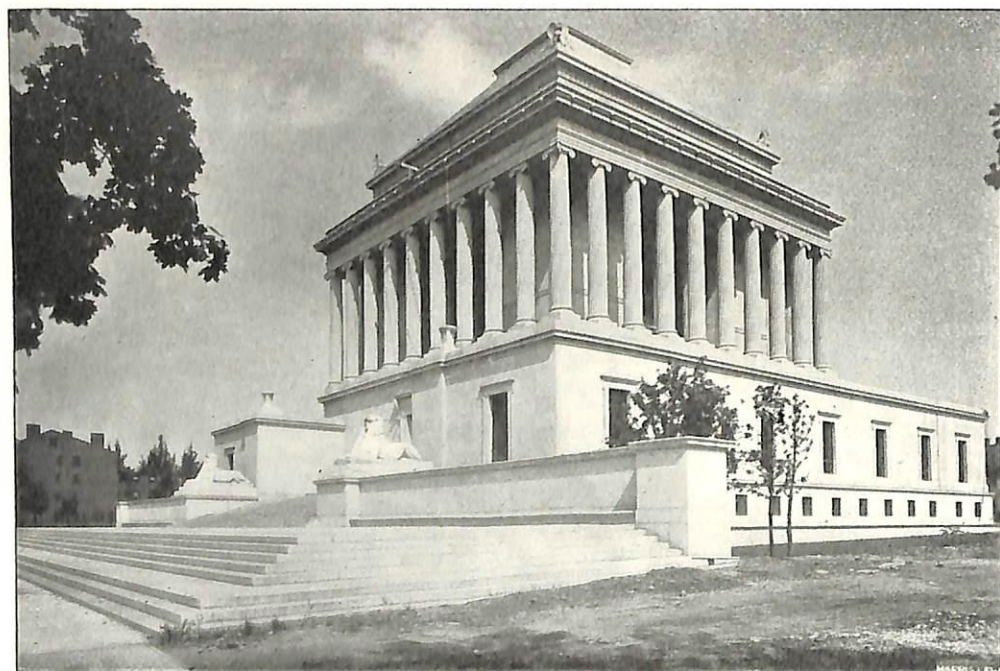
DEATH OF THOMAS OXNARD

A distinguished brother departed this life in July 1754 as is attested by the following record:

Boston July 1st 1754.

"On Tuesday last departed this Life, after a lingering Sickness, on the Fifty First year of his age, The Right Worshipfull Thomas Oxnard Esqr Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in North America. A Gentleman whose Loss is not only deplored by the Fraternity over which for Eleven Years he Presided, but all those who had enjoyed the Pleasure of his acquaintance. He was an experienced Merchant, an upright dealer, an affectionate husband, a tender Parent, a Sincere Friend, a kind Master. He was free from Bigotry and Enthusiasm, and his Religion, on the duties of which he constantly attended, was truly Catholick. The News of his approaching death was received by him with Composure and Resignation, he Set his house in order, and in Expectation of a better Life, he bore the last Agonies of this with a most Christian Fortitude. Reader wouldst thou shine in these amiable Virtues, Imitate Him.—

His Corps was attended to the Grave last Friday by a Numerous Train of Relations, of Free and Accepted Masons, Friends and Acquaintance, The Free and Accepted Masons dressed in black, and Cloathed with White Aprons and Gloves walked before in a Procession of two, with the Grand Masters Jewell, usually worn by him, pendant from the Ribbon on a tassell'd black Velvet Cushion carried next to the Corps. Immediately before the Cushion walked the Deputy Grand Master with the Grand Wardens; the Past Grand Officers, the other officers of the Grand Lodge, the Masters, Wardens and Officers of the other Lodges in Town in their order, all the Masters and Wardens with their Jewells pendant upon black ribbon, after the Interment the Fraternity walked before the Relations and returned with them to the Mansion House of the deceased, where they took their Leave. The whole attendance was conducted thro' a vast Number of Spectators, with great order and Decency."



The House of the Temple (Scottish Rite), Washington, D. C.

JEREMY GRIDLEY SUCCEEDS OXNARD

Oxnard was followed by Jeremy Gridley. Under the seal of Carnarvan G. M. the following appointment is recorded:

"To all and every our Right Worshipfull, Worshipfull and Loving Brethren we James Brydges Marquis of Carnarvan Grand Master of the Ancient Ye Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons Send Greeting

Know Ye That We of the great Trust & Confidence reposed in our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brother Jeremy Gridley Esq Counceller at Law: Do hereby Constitute & appoint him, the said Jeremy Gridley Provincial Grand Master of all Such Provinces & Places in North America & the Territories thereof of which no Provincial Grand Master is at present appointed with full Power & Authority in due Form to make Masons and Constitute & regulate Lodges as Occasion may require, and also to do & execute all & every such other acts & things appertaining to said office as usually have been & ought to be done & executed by other Provincial Grand Masters. He the said Jeremy Gridley taking especial Care that all & every the Members of every Lodge he shall Constitute have been regularly made Masons, & that they do observe perform & keep all & every the Rules orders & Regulations Contained in the Book of Constitutions (Except such as have been or may be repealed at any Quarterly Communication or other General Meeting) together also with all Such other Rules orders Regulations & Instructions as shall from time to time be transmitted by us or Thomas Manningham M D our Deputy or by any of our Successors Grand Master or his Deputy for the time being. And We do hereby will & require you our said Provincial Grand Master to cause Four Quarterly Communications to be held yearly, one whereof to be upon or as near to the Feast day of Saint John the Baptist as Conveniently may be and that you Promote on those & all other occasions whatever may be for the Honour & advantage of Masonry and the benefit of the Grand Charity and that you yearly send to us or our Successors Grand Masters an account in Writing of the Proceedings therein and also of what Lodges



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

you constitute and when and where held with a list of the Members thereof and Copys of such Rules orders and Regulations as shall be made for the good Government of the Same with whatever else you shall do by Virture of these Presents, and that at the Same time you remit to the Treasurer of the Society for the time being at London Three pounds three shillings Sterling for every Lodge you shall Constitute for the use of the Grand Charity and other Necessary Purposes.

Given at London under our hand and Seal of Masonry this 4th day of April A D 1755 A L 5755.

By the Grand Masters Command
Witness Thos Manningham D G M"
John Revis G S

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A MILITARY LODGE IS CHARTERED

Friday, April 13th, 1759 a petition was granted as follows:

"Our Right Worshipful Brother Richard Gridley Esqr J G W informed the Grand Lodge that at the Request of a Worthy Bror at Louisburgh he had Granted a Deputation to a Number of Brothers to Hold a Lodge in His Majestys Twenty Eighth Regiment of Foot at Louisburgh and he presented the Grand Lodge with a Copy of the Deputation he gave them with a List of of their Members which the D G M order'd to be recorded in the Grand Lodge Books—"

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THE ORGANIZATION CONTINUES TO GROW

Throughout the early records appointments and dispensations were made in great array showing that the organization continued to expand.

COSTS KEPT DOWN

Accounts of expenses involved in the Conduct of Grand Lodge indicate that then as now the business affairs of Grand Lodge were conducted with frugality and prudence.

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TWO POPULAR TAVERNS

The Bunch of Grapes Tavern was the favorite meeting place and many interesting events at the noted tavern are recorded. A picture of the Tavern is shown elsewhere in this magazine. The Grey Hound Tavern in Roxbury was likewise a popular rendezvous.

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FIRST HEADQUARTERS

The first headquarters of Grand Lodge was in 1767 as recorded in the following extract:

"At the first Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons held at the Royal Exchange Tavern in Boston on the second Wednesday of September, being the 9th day 5767.—

The Question was put, whether this Lodge think it best to purchase Concert Hall, Provided, the sum of £600. Sterling can be raised?—Pass'd in the Affirmative—"



First building erected in the United States for Masonic purposes—
Richmond, Va., 1785

GRIDLEY EULOGIZED

"Boston, September 14th 1767.

"On Thursday Evening last at 11 o'clock, departed this Life, the Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley Esqr Grand Master of Masons, over all North America, Attorney General for the Province of Massachusetts Bay, A Member of the Great and General Court of said Province, and a Justice throughout the Same, Colonel of the first Regiment of Militia, and President of the Marine Society, &c.

His Funeral was Attended on Saturday last, with the

Literature gave him the first Rank among Men of Learning: His thorough Knowledge of the Civil and Common Law, which he had studied as a Science, founded in the Principles of Government, and the Nature of man, justly placed him at the Head of his Profession: His tender Feelings relative to his natural & civil Ties: his exquisite Sensibility, and generous Effusion of Soul for his Friend, were Proofs that his Heart was as good as his Head was sound; and well qualified him to preside over that antient Society whose Benevolent Constitutions do Honor to Man-



Woodcut of the old Masonic Temple at what is now Temple Place, Boston

Respect due to his Memory, by the Members of his Majesty's Council, and the Judges of the Superior Court in Town, the Gentlemen of the Bar, the Brethren of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, the Officers of his Regiment, the Members of the Marine Society and a great Number of the Gentlemen of the Town.

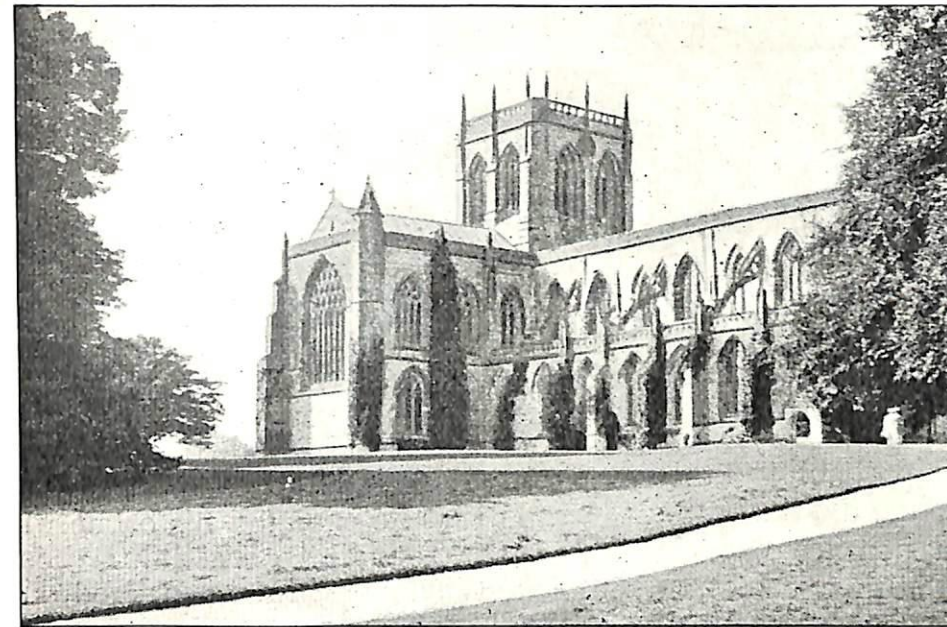
Strength of Understanding, Clearness of Apprehension, and Solidity of Judgment, were cultivated in him by a liberal Education, and close thinking: His extensive Acquaintance with Classical and almost every other part of

kind. He sustained the painful Attacks of Death with a Philosophical Calmness and Fortitude, that resulted from the steady Principles of his Religion. He Died in the 62d Year of his Age."

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HISTORIC CONCERT HALL ACQUIRED

On October 28th, 1763, it was voted to purchase Concert Hall and for a number of years that building was the headquarters of Grand Lodge.



MILTON ABBEY, DORSET
Founded by King Athelstane about 938; Rebuilt, 1322; Restored, 1789 and 1865
A fine example of ancient operative Masonry

HENRY PRICE RESUMES

After the death of Jeremy Gridley, Grand Master, and on the invitation of Grand Lodge, Henry Price was again made Grand Master.

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Boston October 26th 1767.

The following Notification was Published in all the Public News Papers in this Town.

The Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication of Free and Accepted Masons, assembled at Boston on Friday the 23d Instt. having taken into consideration their Loss in the Death of the late Jeremy Gridley, Esqr the last Grand Master; Resolved to invite the Right Worshipful HENRY PRICE Esqr past Grand Master of that Ancient and honorable Society, to Re-assume the Office again, as it Constitutionally reverted to him: He having consented thereto, was with the usual Ceremonies invested, and placed at the Head of Masonry, till another Grand Master is Elected here, and Constituted by the Grand Master of England. Whereof all the Fraternity in North America and the West Indies, under this Jurisdiction are to take due Notice.

By Order of the Grand Lodge

A. SAVAGE Gr. Secry—

NORTH CAROLINA'S CHARTER

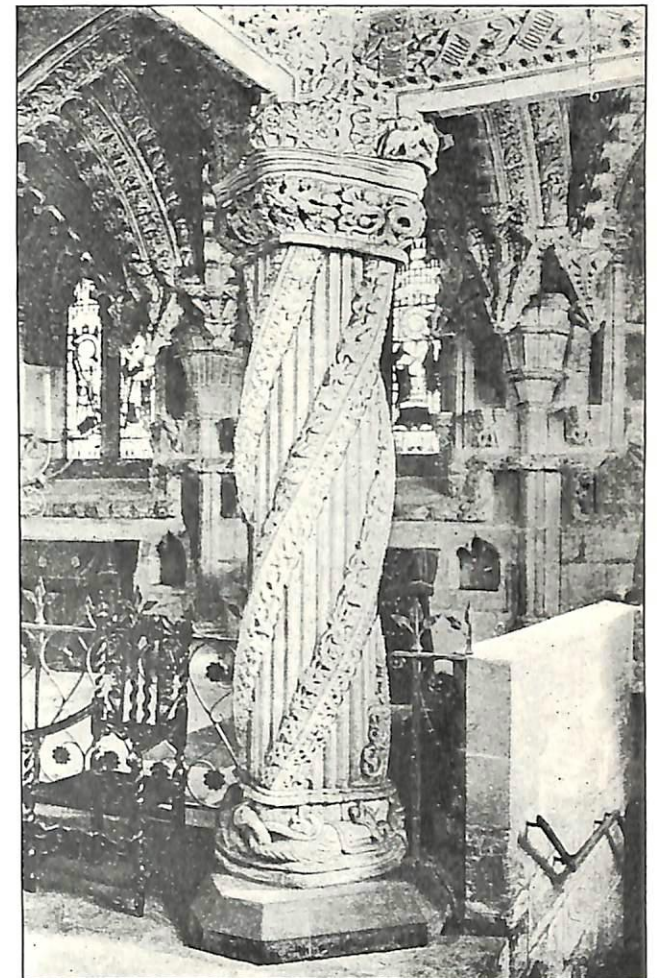
In December 1767 Henry Price sent the following communication:

[SEAL.] Henry Price G: M.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN, (Free and Accepted Masons) now residing or that may hereafter Reside in the Province of North Carolina. We, HENRY PRICE Esqr Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, of all such Places in North America, here no other Grand Master is appointed.

SEND GREETING.—

Whereas our Rt. Worshipful and Loving Brother, Mr Thomas Cooper of Pitt County in the Province aforesaid Merchant; obtained of the late Right Worshipful JEREMY



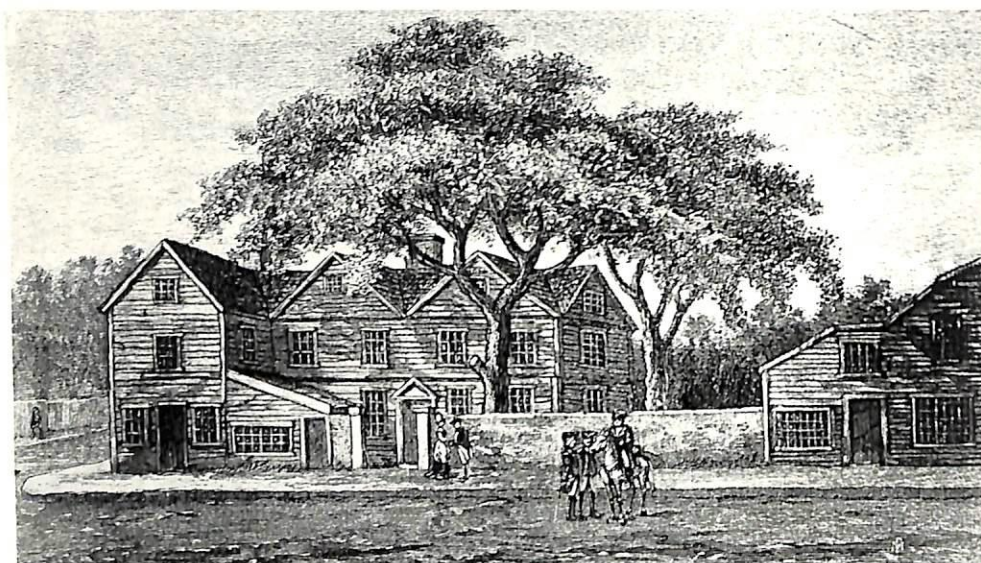
The Prentice Pillar—Roslin Chapel, Scotland

GRIDLEY Esqr Grand Master of Masons in North America, our most Worthy Predecessor, a Deputation to be Master, of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Pitt County aforesaid, and Whereas our said Brother Cooper, did, (since he obtained the said Deputation) represent to our said Predecessor, that by reason of the great Distance of some of the Brethren's abode, from the Place of their usual Assembling in Pitt County aforesaid, their Attendance on Lodges was very inconvenient and troublesome to those Members, and the business of Masonry could not be carried on with that Regularity and Certainty that it otherwise would.

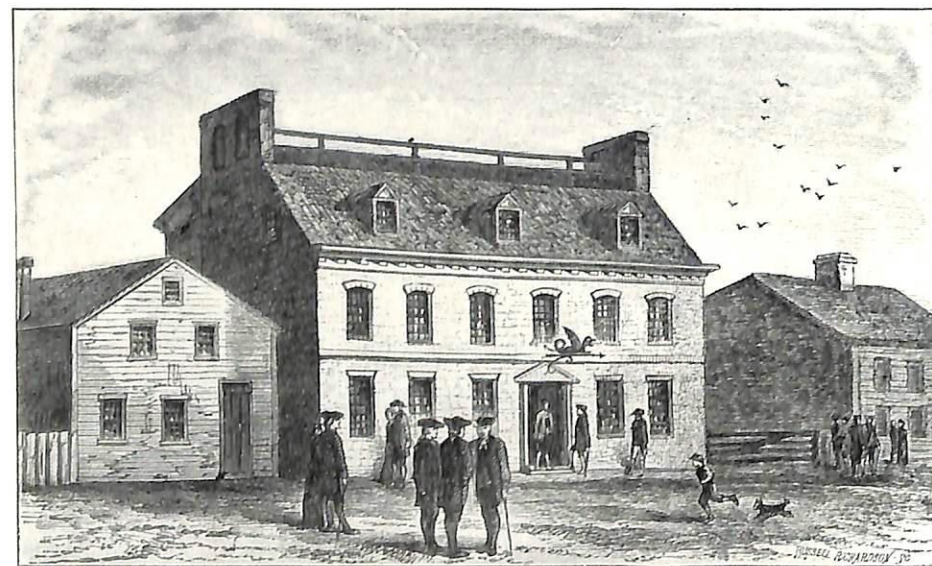
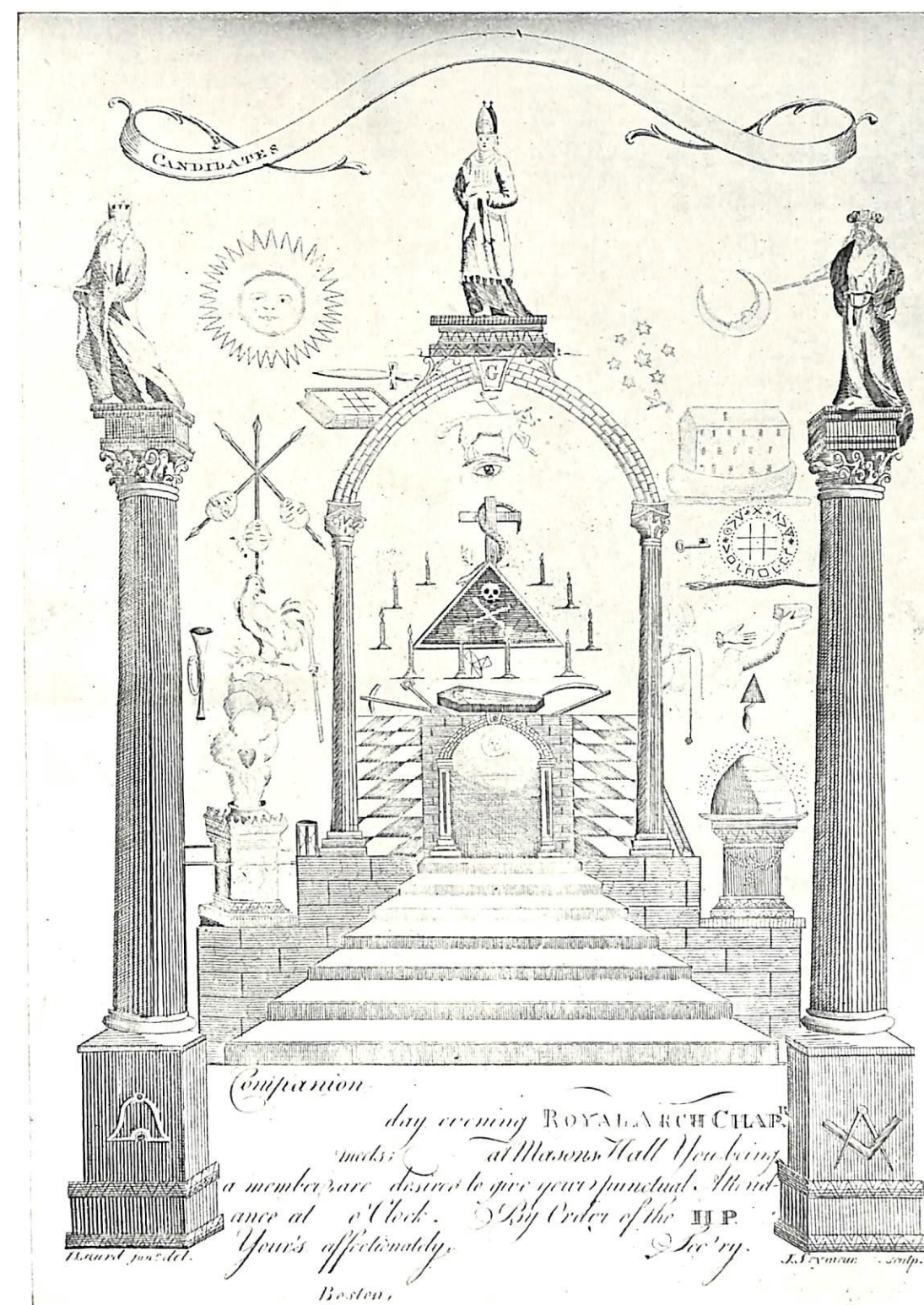
For the remedy of those inconveniences, NOW THEREFORE Know YE, That by Virtue of the Power and Authority committed to us, by the Right Honorable and Right Worshipful Anthony, Lord Viscount MONTAGUE, Grand Master of Masons, Do hereby Nominate, Appoint, and Authorise, our said Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS COOPER to be our Deputy Grand Master within the Province of North Carolina aforesaid, and do Impower him to Congregate all the Brethren, that at present reside (or may hereafter Reside) in said Province, into one or more Lodges as he may think fit, and in such Place or Places within the same, as shall most redound to the general benefit of Masonry: He taking special Care that Masters Wardens and all other proper Officers to a Lodge appertaining be duly chosen, at their next Meeting preceding the Feasts of St John the Baptist, or St John the Evangelist, or both as shall be most convenient, and so on Annually. Also that no Person be admitted into any Lodge within this Deputation at any



A view of Boston in 1768



The Liberty Tree — Boston, Massachusetts

THE GREEN DRAGON TAVERN
Associated with early Massachusetts Freemasonry

A Notice of St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter in 1780

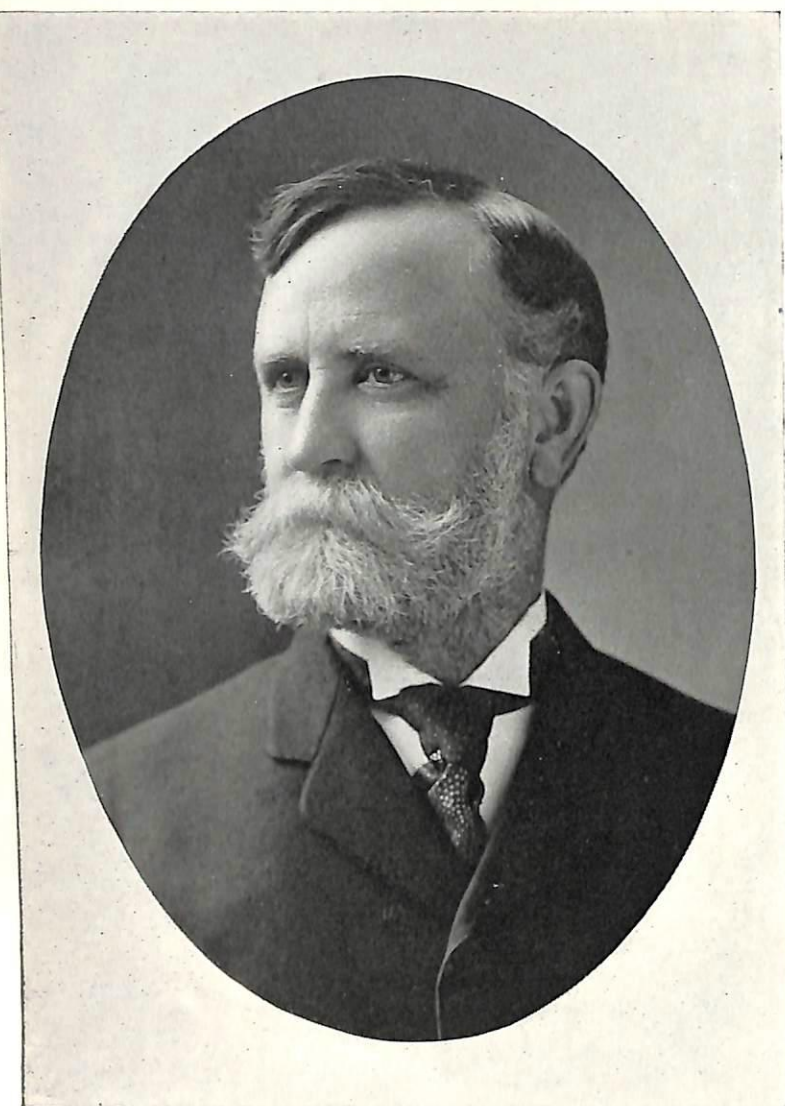
Time, but regular Masons: And that all, and every the Regulations contain'd in the Printed Book of Constitutions. (except so far as they have been altered by the Grand Lodge in London) be kept and observed; with such other Instructions as may be transmitted by us or our Successors. That an Account in Writing be Annually sent to Us, our Successors or our Deputy's, of the Names of the Members of the Lodge or Lodges, and their place of abode, with the Days and Places of their Meeting, with any other Things that may be for the benefit of Masonry in those Parts; and that the Feasts of St John the Baptist, or St John the Evangelist, be kept Yearly, and Dine together on those

Days, or as near them as may be. That for each Lodge Constituted by him, he is to Remit to the Grand Secretary in this Place, three Guineas and one half, two of which is for Registering them in London, and the rest for the general Fund of Charity, and Registering them here. Lastly, a charitable Fund must be established, for the Relief of Poor distress'd Brothers in those Parts, in such manner as is practiced elsewhere by Regular Lodges.

Given under Our HAND and the SEAL of MASONRY at BOSTON in NEW ENGLAND the thirtieth Day of December, Anno Domini, One Thousand, Seven hundred and Sixty Seven, and of Masonry, Five Thousand, Seven hundred

SEND GREETING.

Know YE, that We of the great Trust and Confidence reposed in our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brother HENRY PRICE Esqr of North America, Constituted Provincial Grand Master for North America by Viscount Montague Grand Master April 13th 1733. He Resigning, Recommends JOHN ROWE Esqr. We therefore do hereby Constitute and appoint him the said JOHN ROWE Esqr Provincial Grand Master for all North America and the Territories thereunto belonging, where no other Provincial Grand Master is in being, with Full Power and Authority in due form to Make Masons, and Constitute and Regulate Lodges, as Occasion may Require, And also to do and execute all and every such other Acts and things appertaining to the said Office as Usually have been and Ought to be done and Executed by other Provincial Grand Masters. He the said JOHN ROWE Esqr taking special care that all and every the Members of every Lodge he shall Constitute have been Regularly made Masons, and that they do Observe, Perform and keep all and every the Rules—Orders and Regulations, Contained in the Book of Constitutions, Except such as have been or may be Repealed at any Quarterly Communication or other general Meeting, together also with all such other Rules, Orders, Regulations and Instructions as shall from Time to Time be Transmitted by us, or by the Honourable CHARLES DILLON our Deputy, or by any of our Successors Grand Masters, or his Deputy for the Time being. And We hereby Will and Require you and our said Provincial Grand Master to cause Four Quarterly Communications to be held



CHARLES T. GALLAGHER (deceased)
Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

and Sixty Seven. WITNESS the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, whose names are hereunto Subscribed.
By the Grand Master's Command

JOHN ROWE, D. G. M.
ARCHIBALD McNEILL S. G. W.
JOHN CUTLER, J. G. W.

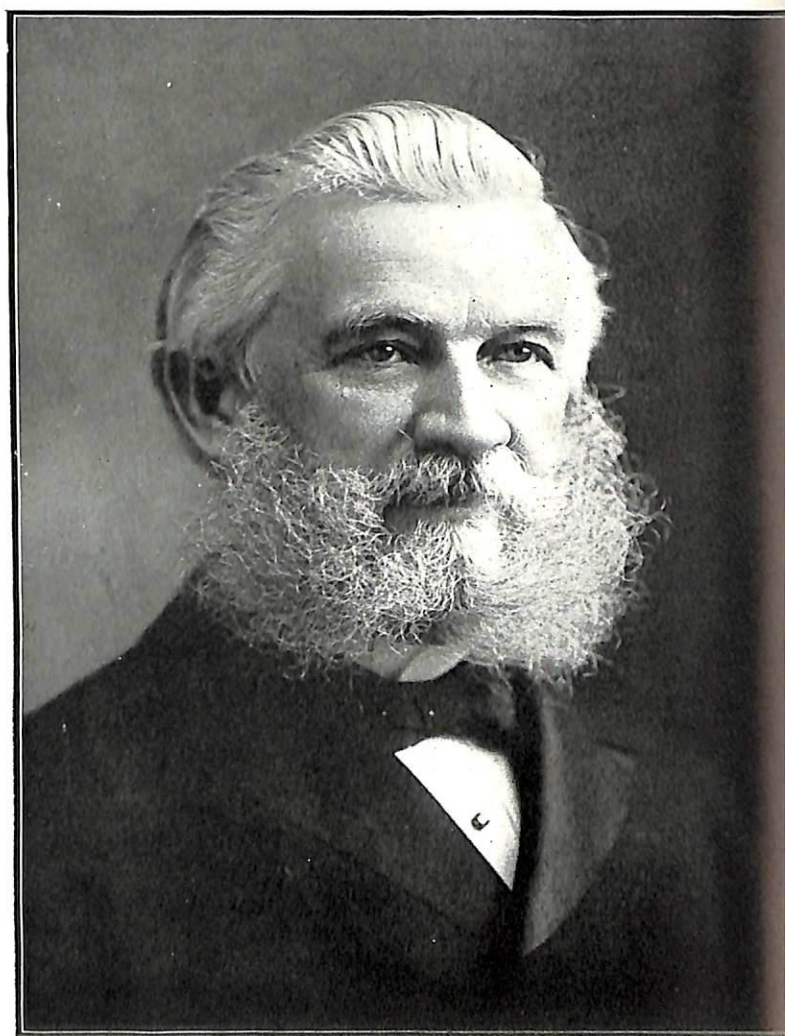
ABRM SAVAGE G. Secry

JOHN ROWE IS INSTALLED

In 1768 on the recommendation of Henry Price, Brother John Rowe, Esq. was with appropriate ceremonies installed as Grand Master. The Grand Master's deputation appointing him reads as follows:

(SEAL) BEAUFORT G. M.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL and Loving Brethren. We his Grace HENRY SOMERSET, Duke of Beaufort, Marquis and Earl of Worcester, Earl of Glamorgan, Viscount Grossmont, Baron Herbert, Lord of Ragland, Chepstow and Gower in Monmouthshire, also Baron Beaufort of Caldecot Castle, Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS.



GENERAL SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, P. G. M.
This distinguished Mason was an illustrious son of Massachusetts. His priceless collection of Masonic Literature forms an integral part of the Grand Lodge Library

day of St John the Baptist as conveniently may be. And that you promote on those and all other Occasions whatever may be for the Honour and Advantage of Masonry and the Benefit of the Grand Charity. And that you Yearly send to Us or our Successors Grand Masters, an Account in Writing of the Proceedings therein, and also of what Lodges you Constitute, and when and where held, with a List of the Members thereof, And Copies of all such Rules, Orders and Regulations as shall be made for the good Government of the same, with whatever Else you shall do by Virtue of these Presents. And that at the same time you Remit to the Treasurer of the Society for the Time being at London Three Pounds three Shillings Sterling for every Lodge you shall Constitute, for the use of the Grand Charity and other necessary purposes.

Given at London under Our Hand
and Seal of Masonry This twelfth
day of May A. D. 1768. A. L. 5768.

By the Grand Master's Command.

Witness

CHARLES DILLON D. G. M.

SAMUEL SPENCER G. S.

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Brother Rowe's administration was marked by wise judgment. He passed to his reward February 17, 1787.

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ST. JOHN'S GRAND LODGE AND MASSACHUSETTS GRAND LODGE CONSOLIDATES

On December 5, 1791, a significant circumstance is recorded whereby the first steps were taken to consolidate the Massachusetts Grand Lodge with St. John's Grand Lodge as evidenced by the following:

At a meeting of MASSACHUSETTS GRAND LODGE and Quarterly Communication held at Concert Hall Monday evening Decr 5th 1791.

Voted That a Committee of Seven be appointed agreeably to the Spirit of a Vote of this Grand Lodge passed March 2d 1791, to Confer with the Officers of St John's Grand Lodge, upon the subject of a Compleat MASONIC UNION throughout this COMMONWEALTH and that the Said Committee report as soon as may be Convenient.

Committee Brother M. M. Hays

" John Warren
" Paul Revere
" Josiah Bartlett
" William Schollay
" John Lowell
" Joseph Laughton

Attest.

(signed)

JOSEPH LAUGHTON

Gd Secry

In consequence of the forgoing a Special Grand Lodge of St John was called at Brother Colmans Jan'y 18. 1792.

R. Wp. John Cutler S. G. W. in the Chair.

Voted That a Committee of seven, be choose to Confer with the above Committee from Massachusetts Grand Lodge & promote the proposed Union, provided it can be done on true masonic principles, & that John Cutler, Samuel Parkman, Mungo Mackay, Samuel Dunn, John Foster Williams, Thomas Dennie & Wm Shaw be the Committee.

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After certain formalities had been complied with it was

Voted. That the Treasurer be directed to Settle all Accounts of the Lodge & pay any debts which the Lodge may Owe.

Voted. That the Treasurer Pay the Ballance to the Treasurer of the first Lodge, to be kept as a fund in that Lodge.

Voted. The Thanks of this Lodge to Right Worshipful Brother John Cutler Esqr for his faithful services for many Years past.

Brothers Bartlett, Scollay & Bradford, a Committee from the Massa Grand Lodge, being Introduced, Informd the Lodge, that they had Completed their business & their Electors were in waiting to Join in Convention to Choose Officers for the Grand Lodge, the Committee having withdrawn, It was

Voted. That the Electors on the part of this lodge Proceed to the Business Assignd them—and after being absent about half an hour, they Returnd and reported, the Brothers who met in Convention were

Brothers Paul Revere (Chairman) Samuel Barrat, James Jackson, Samuel Dunn, Job Prince, Thomas Dennie, William Shaw, Thomas Farrington, John Lowell, William Scollay, Samuel Bradford, William Little, Aaron Dexter, & Caleb Swan, who agreeable to the Constitution, and with great Unanimity & Brotherly Affection made Choice of the following Brethren, as the first Officers of THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT & HONBLE SOCIETY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS FOR THE COMMON WEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:

M. Wpf John Cutler Esqr	Grand Master.
R. Wpf Josiah Bartlett	S. Grand Warden.
R. Wpf Mungo Mackay	J. G. Warden.
R. Wpf Samuel Parkman	G. Treasr.
R. Wpf Thomas Farrington	G. Secrty.

THE LODGE WAS THEN CLOSED IN DUE FORM.



DUDLEY HAYES FERRELL
Past Grand Master. Died, 1932

GENERAL JOSEPH WARREN, G. M.
The names of many illustrious Americans appear in the account of the proceedings first recorded of the "Massachusetts Grand Lodge."

Proceedings of Massachusetts Grand Lodge from its Commencement under Most Worshipful Joseph Warren, Grand Master, in the year of Masonry, 5769, Anno Domini 1769.

At the Assembly and Feast held at Boston in N: Eng-land at Masons Hall on Wednesday Decr 27. 5769.

Present

The Most Worshipfull Joseph Warren Esqr
Grand Master Elect. —

The Master, Warddens & Brethren of St Andrew's Lodge.

The Master & Wardens of Lodge No. 58 of the Registry of England.

The Master & Wardens of Lodge No 322 of the Registry of Ireland.

A COMMISSION from the Rt Honble and Most Wpfull GEORGE Earl of DALHOUSIE Grand Master of Masons in Scotland bearing date the Thirtieth day of May A.D. 1769 & of Masonry 5769. appointing the Most Worshipful JOSEPH WARREN Esqr. to be Grand Master of Masons in Boston New England & within One hundred Miles of the same, was read.

The Brethren then proceeded in ample form to install THE MOST WPFULL JOSEPH WARREN GRAND MASTER of Ancient Free & accepted Masons in Boston &c. After which the following Brethren were nominated by the Most Wpful Gd Master & unanimously elected as Grand Officers for the Year ensuing—Vizt:

Jeremiah French Esqr. Capt. in 29th Regt

Sr Gd Warden

Ponsonby Molesworth Esqr. do Junr Gd Warden

William Palfrey (by proxy) Gd Warden



MELVIN MAYNARD JOHNSON
Past Grand Master and a distinguished authority on Craft Masonry

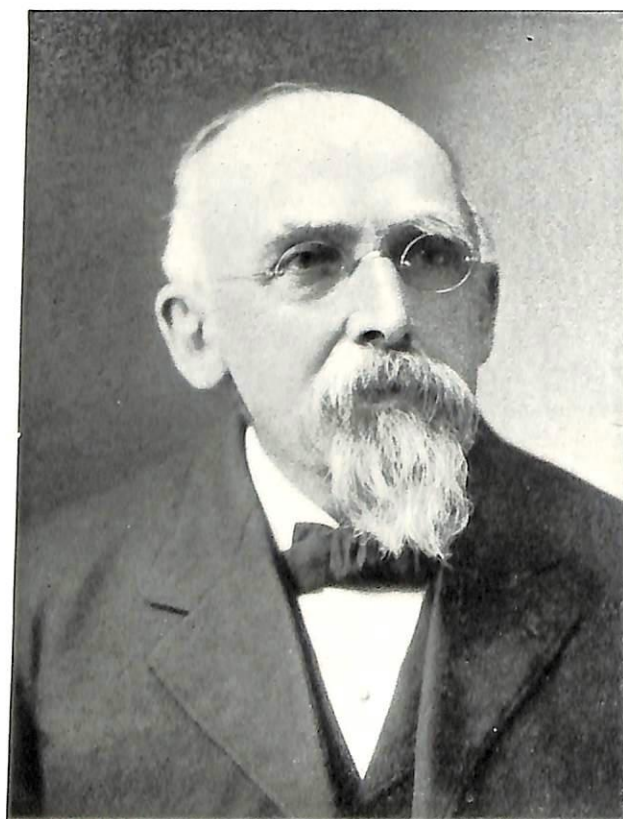
Thomas Crafts	Gd Treasurer
Joseph Webb	Gd Marshall
Paul Revere	S: G. Deacon
Saml Danforth	J: G Deacon
Thos Urann, Caleb Hopkins . . .	Gd Stewards
Edward Proctor	Gd Sword bearer
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THE BOSTON TEA PARTY

No one reading the history of Freemasonry in Massachusetts can fail to be impressed with the quality and character of the men who have been prominent in the fraternity and the affairs of the Commonwealth.

If any doubt exists in the minds of the present generation as to the intense loyalty of Freemasons to their country and to the causes which brought independence to this country, a perusal of Masonic Records will prove enlightening.

All through the Records is to be found a sane yet zealous stand on public questions, a sincere desire to be fair in their judgment, and a feeling of regret that through the lack of understanding on the part of George III's parliament—with some notable exceptions



THOMAS W. DAVIS
A former Grand Secretary



Dedication of the Masonic Home at Charlton, Massachusetts

—recourse to armed resistance was necessary to secure justice.

These men, armed with right, quite properly protested against iniquitous and oppressive measures designed against them; their determination to see justice done was in very large measure the cause of their rebellion against the mother country and the subsequent separation from that country which resulted.

In the light of present-day legislation proposals for almost confiscatory taxation of the people, comparison is illuminating. The effect of some of the recent Acts of Congress on the pioneers of America, were their spirit alive, makes one wonder whether or not they would be so complaisant as our present citizens appear to be.

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Perhaps as good a glimpse of the Craft and the spirit prevailing may be had by a look at the diary of John Rowe, Grand Master from 1768-87. Here are a few entries:

MASONIC EXTRACTS FROM AN UNPUBLISHED DIARY OF JOHN ROWE, GRAND MASTER FROM 1768-1787.

Oct. 26, 1764. Spent the Evening at the Grand Lodge with Jeremy Gridley Esqr—Robert Jenkins Senr John Box Senr Brother Price, James Forbes, Edmd Quincy Junr Richd Gridley, Thos Walley, Jos Man, Job Wheelwright, John Cutler Archibald McNeal, Joseph Russell, John Box junr & Thos Urann—came home about nine of Clock, * * * *

Oct 29, 1764. Spent the Evening at Mrs Cordis with the Freemasons, Mr Price, Mr Robt Jenkins Mr Richd Gridley, Mr. Edmund Quincy Jr, Mr McNeal, Mr. John Cutler Mr. Jno Box Senr Mr Jno Box Junr, Job Wheelwright, Thos Urann & Brother Joy made Two Brothers, Thos Downs & Mr Braley.

Fryday November 2d 1764. Spent the Evening at the Masters Lodge with the following Brethren Bro Jery Gridley Bro Price Bro John Box Senr Bro Edmd Quincy Junr Bro Calendar Bro John Box Junr Bro Joy Bro Wheelwright Bro McNeal Bro Johnnot Bro Man Brother Savage Bro Urann Moses Pitcher Bro Fitch Bro Cutler.

Wednesday November 24, 1764. Spent the Evening at

Mrs Cordis with Mr Jerry Gridley Mr Henry Price Mr Richd Gridley Bro Robt Jenkins, Bro John Box Senr Bro Jno Box Junr Bro Edmd Quincy Junr. Bro Thos Brown, Bro Archibald McNeal Bro SavageBro Doctor Gardiner Bro John Cutler, Bro Joy, Bro Wheelwright Bro Russell. Bro Wm Jackson Bro Lewis Gray—these Gentlemen were of Committee to Adjust the Lodge Accots.

12th Sept Saturday 1767. Cool & Fair Wind, in the Afternoon I attended the Funeral of our Right Worshipful Jerry Gridley Esqr. Grand Master, as Deputy Grand Master, the Officers of his Regiment Marched in Order First, then the Brethren of St Andrews Lodge, then the Stewards of the Grand Lodge, then the Brethren Promiscuously two & two, then the Wardens of the Second Lodge, then the Wardens of the first Lodge, then the Wardens of the Masters Lodge, then the three Masters of the three Several Lodges—then the past Grand Officers & the Treasurer, then the Grand Wardens then myself as Deputy Grand Master, then the Tyler with the Grand Masters Jewell on a Black Velvet Cushion—the Corpse—the Bearers were the Lieut Governour, Judge Trowbridge, Justice Hubbard, John Erving Senr Esqr, James Otis Esqr & Mr Samuel Fitch. Then followed the Relations—after them the Lawyers in their Robes—then the Gentlemen of the Town & then a great many Coaches, Chariots, & chaises.—Such a multitude of Spectators, I never Saw at any time before since I have been in New England.—after his Body was Interr'd wee Return'd in Form to the Town house (from whence his corps was taken from at the Beginning of the Procession,) in the Same Order as wee first Walked.—I do not much approve of Such parade & Show—but as it was his & his Relations desire, I could not well Avoid giving my Consent. I think the Number of the Brethren that Attended was 161.—upon the Whole it was as well Conducted & in As Good Order as the Nature of it would admit.

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23d November Wednesday (1768). A fine Morning, W. West.

I had the honour & pleasure of being Installed Grand Master of Masons for North America at Concert Hall this Morning, this was a very Solemn Ceremony, after the Installation the Whole Fraternity proceeded in Order and marched in Procession from Concert Hall Round the Town House, accompanied with Two Bands of Musick the 59 & 64 Regiments to Trinity Church. The Revd Mr Walter



THE LOOKOUT AT CHARLTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Read Prayers & Our Worthy Brother the Red Mr Bass of Newberry Preached from the 21st Chapter of St. John & part of the 20th Verse—The Disciple whom Jesus loved—after Service wee Returned in Procession to Concert Hall & dined on an Elegant Entertainment provided by a Committee Appointed by the Grand Lodge, there were One hundred and thirty-four Brethren present. Wee spent the Afternoon very Chearfully & in Good Order, which did honour to the Craft. I came home at Eight of Clock in the Evening.

2 Nov (1773) Tuesday. Mr. Rowe writes of the "Advertisement" "stuck up at almost every corner" requesting Freemen to meet at "Liberty Tree this day at Twelve o'clock." "Nov. 3, 1773. O. C. Secretary."

Nov 3d 1773 The Gentlemen to whom the Tea was Supposed to be Consign'd did not obey the Summons and make their appearance at Liberty Tree, (as per Advertisement) upon which the Sons of Liberty appointed a Committee to go & Wait of them to know their Determination, upon which this Committee with a Large Concurrence of People went from Liberty Tree to the Store of Mr Richd Clark & Sons at the Bottom of Kingsstreet where they found Mr Richard Clark Mr Benja Faneuill the Governour(s) two Sons & Mr Jos Winslow of Marshfield who are the Gentlemen These Teas are supposed to be Consign'd too.

There was Severall of their Friends there with them

Colo Hatch of Dorchester Judge Lee of Cambridge Mr Nat Cary Mr Thos Laughton Mr Jno Winslow & many others.

Mr. Mollineaux as Chairman of this Committee then Read to them a paper & produced another which they Required them to sign &c—Mr Richd Clark & the other Gentlemen gave them for Answer—they would not Comply with their Request, or words to that purpose—this was an Unexpected Answer to them & has given them much Displeasure.

The principall People that accompanied Mr Mollineaux were as Follows—Mr Saml Adams, Mr Wm Dennie, Mr John Pitt, Colo Heath of Roxbury Dr Church Dr Warren Dr Young Capt Jno Matchet Capt Hopkins Nat Barber Gabriel Johnnot Ezekl Chever & about five hundred more as near as I could Guess.

17 November (1773) Wednesday.

This morning Capt Scot arrived from London: he Brings advice that Hall, Loring Coffin & Bruce are to Bring the Tea from the East India Company this (is) a measure that (is) Generally disaproved & will Remain the Great Occasion of Disagreement between England & America.

18 November (1773) Thursday. Very Pleasant. Last night A Considerable Body of People paraded thro the Streets & attacked the House of Mr Richard Clark One of his Family fird a Gun from the House but Luckily did no Hurt they Broke all his Windows & Window Frames—but very Little other Damage. This morning a Town Meeting was Calld on this & the Tea affair. Another Committee Chose, the Gentlemen to whom the Tea is Consign'd are still Resolv'd to Pursue such orders as they may Receive.

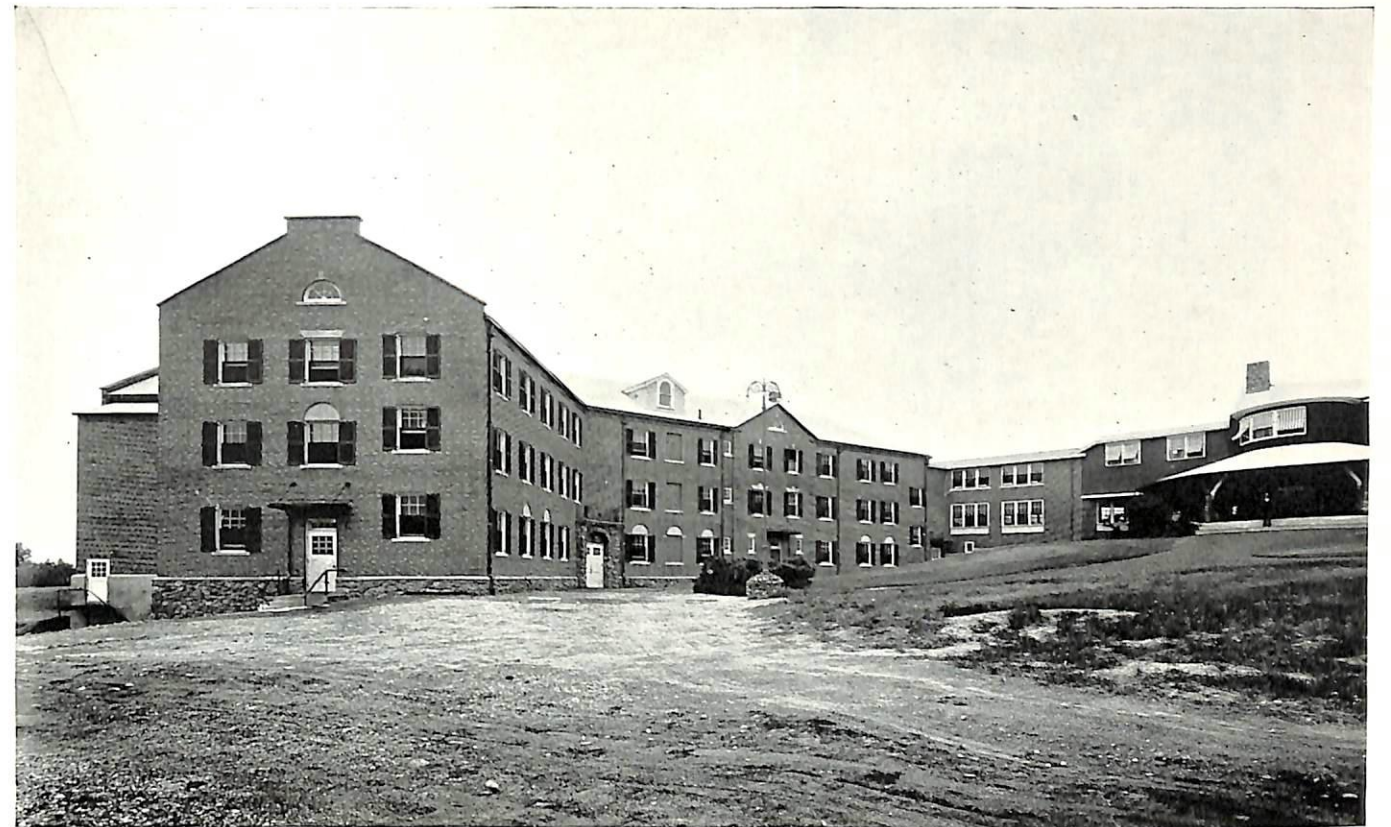
19 November (1773) Fryday.

This day the Gentlemen to whom the Tea is Consign'd Petition'd the Governor & Council Relative (to) their Affairs.



M. W. J. ALBERT BLAKE

During whose administration the Home at Charlton was acquired. He later served as Relief Commissioner.



The Williams Wing at Masonic Home, Charlton, Massachusetts

23d November (1773) Tuesday.

The Governor & Council Met this morning On The Tea Matters.

28 November (1773) Sunday. this morning was Bro't me a threatening letter Sign'd Determined which is On File. this agitated my mind. I did not go to Church. * * * * Capt Hall arrived from London. Great Noise abo the Tea on board of Capt Hall.

29 November (1773) Monday. This morning there were papers Stuck Up to the following Purpose—FRIENDS BRETHREN Countrymen!

That worst of Plagues The detestable Tea Ship'd for this Port by the East India Coompany is now arrived in this harbour. The Hour of Destruction or manly Opposition to the Machinations of Tyranny Stares you in the Face: every Friend to his Country, to himself & Posterity is now call'd upon to meet at Faneuill Hall at Nine o Clock this Day (at which time the Bells with begin to Ring) to make A United and Successful Resistance to this last, worst and most Destructive Measure of Administration. Boston Novr 29, 1773.

In Consequence of the above notification About One thousand People Met at Faneuill Hall where they past a Vote that they would at All Events Return this Tea, from Faneuill Hall they adjourned to the Old South Meeting (-house). Afternoon, they met again & adjourned untill the morning, there was in the Meeting this afternoon abo Twenty five hundred People as near as I Could guess.

November 30 (1773) Tuesday.

The Body met again this morning. The Govr Sent them a Message advising them to depart at their Perill—they took but Little Notice of the Message—they met again this Afternoon. I told them that I had Purchas'd A Cargo for Capt Bruce Ship—that it was on the Wharff & that Capt Bruce when he arriv'd would apply to The Body, & that I would Endeavour to prevail on him to act with Reason in this Affair & that I was very Sorry he had any Tea

On Board—and which is vry True for it hath Given me Great Uncasiness.

I staid some time at the Meeting & was Chose a Committee Man much against my Will but I dare not say a word. * * * *

After Dinner I was sent for by The Body by Two Messengers, John Ingersoll & Jos Eyres. This was at the Motion of Mr Hancock. I wish he had Omitted it.

2 December (1773) Thursday.

Capt Bruce arrived this morning from London.

3d December (1773) Fryday.

This morning Capt Bruce & I was sent for by the Committee Relative (to) the Tea on board him—they order'd him to Griffins Wharff—and gave him the same Directions as to Capt Hall.

7 December (1773) Tuesday. Cold weather. W.N.W.

Afternoon, I attended the Funeral (of) Mr Robt Jenkins, he being A Brother was buried in Form the Masons of the Severall Lodges walking in Procession with their Jewells & White Aprons—I was a pall-holder with Bro Price Bro Warren Bro Box Bro Cutler & Bror McNeill.

8 December (1773) Wednesday.— * * * *

Capt Coffin arriv'd in Nantasket Road with the Small Pox & part of the Tea.

11 December (1773) Saturday.

This Forenoon A Committee was Sent to Mee abo Bruce's Ship—Dr Warren Wm Mollineaux John Pitts—to know when She would be unloaded & many other Questions.

16 December (1773) Thursday, * * * *

The Body Meeting in the Forenoon adjourned until Afternoon. Broke up at Dark.

Severall Things passed between Mr Rotch & them

A Number of People Appearing in Indian Dresses went on board the three Ships Hall Bruce & Coffin. they Opin'd the Hatches, hoisted Out the Tea & flung it Overboard, this might I believe have been prevented. I am sincerely Sorry for the Event.



Some of the guests at the home in Charlton, Massachusetts. No effort is spared to make brethren who are guests of the fraternity at Charlton comfortable.

'Tis said near two thousand People were present at this Affair.

8 April (1776) Monday * * * *

afternoon, I went by Invitation of Brother Webb to attend the Funerall of the Remain of Dr Warren & went accordingly to the Councill Chamber with a Design to Attend & Walk in Procession with the Lodges under my Jurisdiction with Our Proper Jewells & Cloathing—but to my great Mortification was very much Insulted—by Some furious & hot Persons—with the Least Provocation, one of (the) Brethren thought it most Prudent for

Mee to Retire. I accordingly did so. this has caused Some Uneasy Reflections in my Mind as I am not Conscious to myself Of doing any thing Prejudicial to the Cause of America either by Will, word or deed. The Corps of Dr Warren was Carried into Chapell Dr Cooper pray'd & Mr Perez Morton delivered an Oration on the Occasion —Dr Warrens Bearers were—Genl Ward, Genl Fry Colo Gridley Dr Morgan Mr Moses Gill & Mr John Scollay. There was a handsome Procession of the Craft with Two Companys of Soldiers.



The Dining Hall at Masonic Home, Charlton, Massachusetts



CURTIS CHIPMAN
Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1932—



FREDERICK W. HAMILTON
Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Simon W. Robinson Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

P R E S E N T S

"AN EIGHTEENTH CENTURY LODGE"

By JOSEPH E. MORCOMBE, Editor The Masonic World

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1933

Under the auspices of

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MASONIC TEMPLE

BOSTON, MASS.

PROLOGUE

By The Author, JOSEPH E. MORCOMBE

We ask attention, gentle sirs, in such quaint, homely words
As they might use, whom we attempt to show;
For, be it known, it was the custom in those olden days,
Before the play, for one to tell the intention of the piece.
Therefore, my brothers, for the time forget all else,
And come with me back through the banished years —
You are all vouched for in our antique room;
And free, as Masons, to our old time lodge.
All here, before the footlights and behind, are Craftsmen true,
So think of us as of another time;
Who in this dingy tavern room did well-tested work.
If that our manners seem uncouth and rude,
Lay it unto our time, and not to churlish hearts.
We may not know the gloss and show of later years,
But stones unpolished are of no less strength.
If we in Brown October toast you and the Craft,
Our draught is harmless and the wish sincere.

First George is on the throne, and England is
But just regaining breath since sore bested;
There linger yet, with proud heart's inward rage,
Those who would with sword restore an exiled king.
So we will show in hint and covert phrase,
And jests to be interpreted in divers ways,
How brothers differed on such ticklish theme,
While holding true, each unto each, in Craft.

They come, our neighbors, through the London streets,
Horn-shuttered lanthorns dimly lighting filthy ways;
With tales of little wonders and of small events —

Just as you might tell in cozy ante-room.
So shall these lines serve now to introduce
Our goodly company-men of serious worth.
Citizens accounted of good substance in their wards —
Rake-helly Stutter first, a gentleman of parts.
A fop outside, but of true mettle made.
Our gossip Keepguest next, a cautious man indeed,
Would friend the Stuarts, but hath a fear of guns.
And dear old Chepeman, having love for right-brewed ale,
Mellowing delightfully as the hours go by.
Yonder's Oldmixon, Master of the Lodge.
A quiet man, forsooth, yet of most genial blood.

Here Goodman Quickly, with a fear of ghosts,
Believing any tale vamped up for gaping clowns,
And here again is one, an honest yeoman he,
Thickpennie by name, who shall delight you much.
He will this night essay the role of candidate,
And, if it please you, all the rest of these
Shall with best bows present themselves in time and place.

And if in form and phrase it seemeth strange
Within this lodge, you will but please to think
How moving change has come within that time
To all things else; and thus with Masonry —
And if in one degree we show the germ of all, and more
Than now is worked in three within our walls — 'twas even so.
But hear the bell that strikes for passing time,
And soon the sleepy watchman on his weary round
Will call the meeting hour and state of night.

CAST AS THEY APPEAR

Prologue Bro. PIERRE A. NORTHROP

Sir Roger Stutter, the Youngest Entered Apprentice

Wor. J. LAWRENCE MILES

Thomas Keepguest, the Senior Warden

Wor. JOSEPH R. COTTON

Nathaniel Chepeman, a Lover of Good Ale

Wor. GEO. S. BARTON

Andrew Oldmixon, Master of the Lodge

Bro. EZRA F. BREED

Accepted Quickly, a Credulous Mortal

Bro. LAWRENCE M. HORTON

William Thickpennie, the Candidate

Bro. DONALD V. C. BIRRELL

The Tapster, of the "Thatched House Tavern"

Bro. DAVID A. RIX

Simon Oxenherde, Member of the Lodge

Bro. WALTER T. RIX

ROBERT SWEETMOUTH, Member of the Lodge

Bro. CLAYTON M. MORSE

Hugh Winlove, Member of the Lodge

Bro. CHARLES E. MATHAURS

Roger Dobbins

Bro. CHARLES W. FARRINGTON

Diccon Cockshead, Landlord of "The Blue Lion"

Bro. HARRY F. HOWARD

Richard Tapiser, Secretary of the Lodge

Wor. ROBT. M. STONE

Ralph Ryecroft, the Junior Warden

Wor. SHELDON A. ROBINSON

Anthony Applegarth, Tyler of the Lodge

Bro. ARTHUR M. ROBERTS

Philip Breadmonger, Member of the Lodge

Bro. EVERETT E. MORRILL

Brian Bracegirdle, a Visiting Member

Bro. PIERRE A. NORTHROP

John Theophilus Desaguliers, Deputy Grand Master

Rt. Wor. CHARLES H. MILES

Watchman

Bro. FREDERICK B. JAMES

SEXTET:

Bros. Everett E. Morrill, Carl Hauck, Lawrence M.
Horton, Harvey F. Winlock, Wor. George B. Sargent,
Victor M. Stevens

ACT I — The Brothers Assembling in the "Thatched
House Tavern"

ACT II — The Lodge at Work

ACT III — The Lodge at Refreshment

TIME — London, England, A. D. 1723
(The three acts will run continuously)

PROGRAM

OF THE

Bi-centenary Observance by the Grand
Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at
Boston in June, 1933

Sunday, June 25, 1933

SERVICE AT THE OLD NORTH CHURCH, 187 Salem
Street, Boston, at 3.30 P.M. Taxis leave the Copley
Plaza, Dartmouth Street entrance, at 3.00 P.M.
"AN EIGHTEENTH CENTURY LODGE" in the Masonic
Temple at 8 P.M.

Monday, June 26, 1933

SPECIAL MEETING OF SAINT JOHN'S LODGE in the
Masonic Temple at 3.00 P.M.; work, Master Mason
Degree, followed by dinner at 6 P.M.

Tuesday, June 27, 1933

VISIT TO THE MASONIC HOME and JUNIPER HALL,
where lunch will be served, reaching Boston shortly
after 5.00 P.M. Busses leave the Copley Plaza at
9.00 A.M. sharp.
THE GRAND MASTER'S DINNER at the Copley Plaza
at 7.30 P.M.

Wednesday, June 28, 1933

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE at
the Masonic Temple at 3.00 P.M. for the reception of
guests.

MASS MEETING AT THE BOSTON ARENA, St. Botolph
Street, near Massachusetts Avenue, at 8.00 P.M. Taxis
from the Copley Plaza, Dartmouth Street entrance, at
7.30 P.M.

All hours given are DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

HENRY PRICE'S LODGE IN LONDON.

It has long been a matter of interest and research to learn in what Lodge Henry Price, Esq, received the degrees in Masonry, and of what Lodge in London he was a member. The answer to the former query cannot as yet be given, but the following facts answer the latter, and trace his Lodge from Rainbow Coffee House, 1730, to Free Masons' Hall, 1886.

On the minute book of the Grand Lodge of England for the year 1730, the names of the sixty-three members of "Lodge No. 75, Rainbow Coffee House, York Buildings," are given. The fifty-third name in that list is that of HENRY PRICE. It is recorded on the tombstone of Henry Price, at Townsend, Mass., that "He was born in London about the year of our Lord 1697: he removed to Boston about the year 1723." Mr. Price, in his letter of Aug. 6, 1755, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, said, "I have some remote thoughts of once more seeing London, * * * after Twenty-Two years' absence." Mr. Price, therefore, visited London after his arrival in this country, and returned in 1733, probably bringing his deputation with him.

In the minute book of the Grand Lodge of England, the "List of Lodges 1730-32" designates the Lodge of which Henry Price was a member as "75 Rainbow Coffee House in York Buildings." The List of Lodges as recorded in said Book, 1736-39, adds to the name of the Lodge its date of constitution, viz.: "75 Rainbow Coffee House, York Buildings, 17th July, 1730." In the list of Regular Lodges, according to their seniority and constitution, of 1740, No. 75 appears under the number and name of "62 Gun Suffolk St July 17th 1730." In the list of Lodges of 1756, No. 62 becomes "37. Two Figures. At Putney. July 17th 1730." A new and corrected list of all the regular Lodges in 1770 (according to the dates of their constitution), by order of the Grand Master, ranks No. 37 of 1756, as "33. White Lion at Putney. July 17, 1730," which in 1781-82 becomes "29. Britannic Lodge, Star and Garter, Pall

Mall." The Lodge retained this latter name and continued meeting at the Star and Garter from 1792 to 1813, except in 1792, April 18, its number is changed from 29 to 27. In the "List of Lodges on the Roll of the United Grand Lodge of England, A.D. This name has been retained until the present time, though the number has been changed. No. 42 of 1814 becomes No. 38 in 1832, which is changed to No. 33 in 1863. The Lodge is now enrolled as "33 Britannic L. Free Masons' Hall, London."

The transition from the names of the Masonic taverns, where the Lodges met, to distinctive Lodge names took place subsequent to 1768. Every Lodge in England prior to that time took the name of the tavern where it met. If it moved from "Two Figures" Tavern to "White Lion" Tavern, its designating name changed accordingly. Yet the Lodge retained its identity. The changes in the number of the Lodge resulted from erasures, prior to 1813, and afterward, from the Union which occurred in this year.

The following table indicates the changes in the number, the place of meeting, and the name of the Lodge in London, of which Henry Price was a member:—

No.	Name.	Place of Meeting.	Year.
75	Rainbow Coffee House	York Buildings.	1730.
62	Gun	Suffolk Street	1740.
37	Two Figures	At Putney	1756.
33	White Lion	At Putney	1770.
29	Britannic	Star and Garter, Pall Mall	1781.
27	Britannic	Star and Garter, Pall Mall	1792.
42	Britannic	St James Street	1814.
38	Britannic	St James Street	1832.
33	Britannic	St James Street	1863.
33	Britannic	Free Massons' Hall, London	1874.
33	Britannic	Free Masons' Hall, London	1886.

See "The Four Old Lodges and their Descendants" by Robert Freke Gould, London: 1879; and "Memorials of the Masonic Union of A.D. 1813," by William James Hughan, London: 1874.



The Lounge in the Williams Wing at the Masonic Home, Charlton, Massachusetts

A MASONIC POEM OF 1739
[The following poem appeared in the *American Apollo*, a magazine printed in Boston, as the editor says in his first number, upon the first printing press manufactured in that city.]

MESSRS. PRINTERS,
The following historical scrap, written by the late JOSEPH GREEN, Esq., claims a place in the *Apollo*. J. M. We insert this, by particular desire, according to the original form.

A true and exact account of the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, by the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, at Boston in New England, on June the 26th, 1739, taken from the Boston Gazette, and rendered into Metre, that children may commit it to and retain it in their memory.

"They might distinguish different noise
"Of horns, and pans, and dogs, and boys,
"And kettle drums whose sullen dub,
"Sounds like the hooping of a tub."—HUDIBRAS.

In Roman callendars we find,
Saint John the Baptist's feast assigned,
To June the twenty-fourth, and he,
(For so all Masons do agree)
A famous Lodge in days of old,
In Jordan's Wilderness did hold.
For this as legends us acquaint,
They make a Patron, of the Saint;
Right worshipful Bob THOMLINSON,
Having this duty thought upon;
The Lodge on Tuesday last did call,
To celebrate the festival;
For June the twenty-fourth was Sunday,
And Brother BELCHER fasts on Monday;

So for the sake of eating dinner,
He trick'd the Saint to please the Sinner,
The Brethren, soon as this was known,
All met to walk about the town.

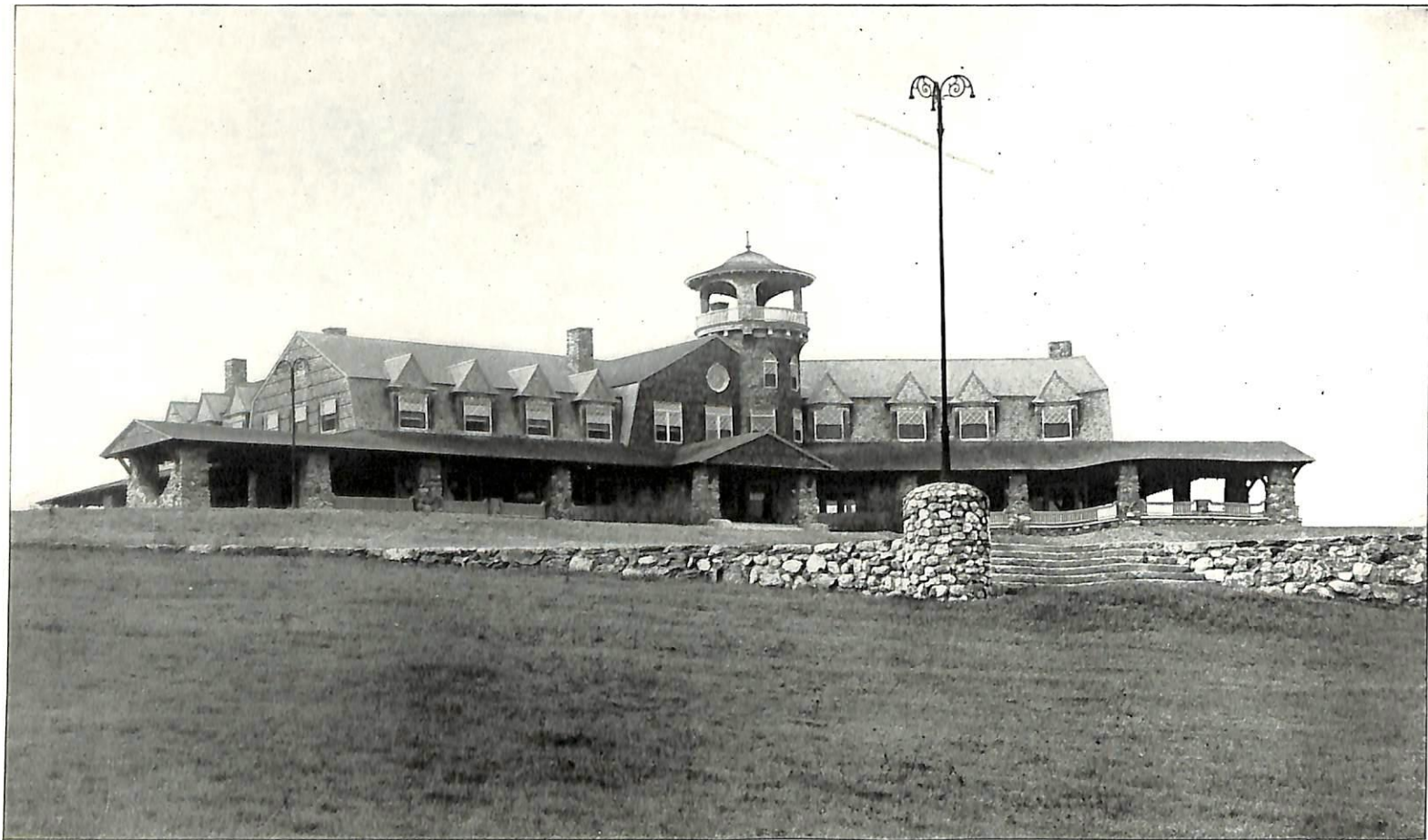
First Brother WAGHORN was their choice,
Waghorn of sounding fame and voice;
At three, they to his house repair,
And having staid a little there,
Proceeded onwards through the street,
Unto his Excellency's seat;
For as this Waghorn was a Brother
His Excellency was another.
Unlucky name it grieves full sore,
Waghorn and Belcher—but no more.
Here, having drank and giv'n the sign,
By which he was oblig'd to join,
From hence in leather apron drest
With tinsel ribbons on their breast,
In pompous order march'd the train,
First two, then three, then two again;
As thro' the street they pass'd along,
All kinds of music led the throng;
Trumpets and kettle drums were there,
And horns too in the front appear.
Thus they went on thro' various noises
To hear them fiddle at DEBLOIS'S—
And thence came thro' another street,
To Brother LUKE'S to drink and eat;
For Luke was ordered to prepare,
Plenty of every dainty fare;
Tongues, hams, and lambs, green peas and chickens,
So that, in short, 'twas "pretty pickings."
Girls left their needle, Boys their book,
And crowded in the street to look;
And if from laughing we guess right,
They were much pleased with the sight.



The old Barn at Charlton — Burned



Signing the papers for the transfer to Grand Lodge of the Home at Charlton, Massachusetts



The Home at Charlton, Massachusetts, before additions were made



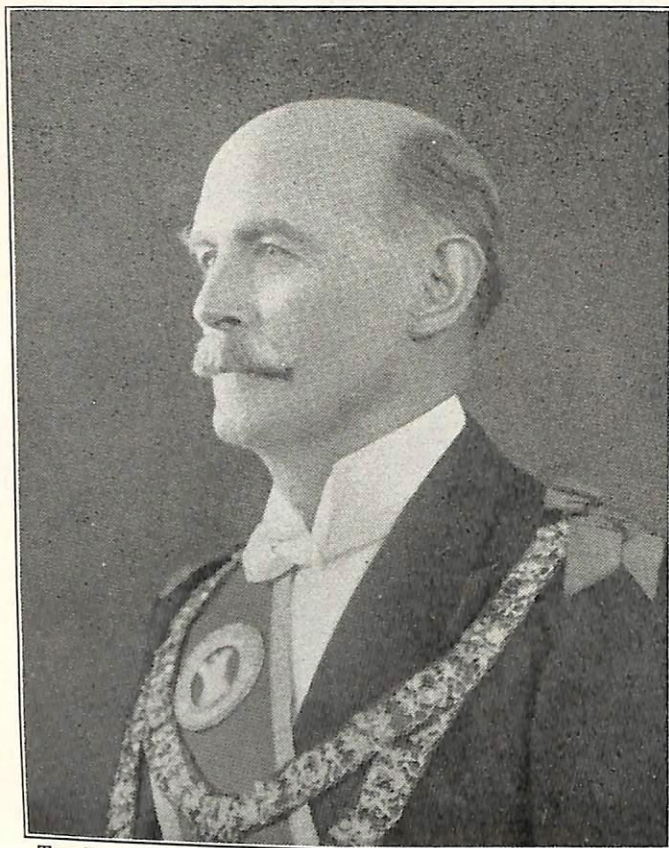
The Reception Room at the Masonic Home, Charlton, Massachusetts

All this by land—now follows after
The gallant show, upon the water.
The ship, that HOLLOWELL is named,
From HOLLOWELL, for building famed;
Of which their brother Alexander
French was part owner and Commander;
Soon as appeared the Eastern Beam
This ship, haul'd off into the stream,
Red baize was tacked on the top,
And all the colours hoisted up,
And on the mizzen peak was spread,
A leathern apron, lin'd with red.
The men on board all day were glad,
And drank and smoked like any mad.
And from her sides three times did ring.
Great guns as loud as *any thing*,
But at the setting of the sun
Precisely, ceas'd the noise of gun,
All ornaments were taken down,
Jack, ensign, pendant and APRON.

EARLY ROSTER OF MASSACHUSETTS LODGES		
Lodge,	Location.	Instituted.
First Lodge in Penn.,	Philadelphia, Pa.	June 24, 1734
St. John's,	Portsmouth, N. H.	June 24, 1735
First Lodge in S. C.,	Charleston, S. C.	Dec. 27, 1735
Annapolis-Royal,	Annapolis-Royal, Nova Scotia	1738
First Lodge in West Indies,	Antigua, West Indies	1738
Master's,	Boston, Mass.	Jan. 2, 1738
St. John's,	St. John's, Newfoundland	Dec. 24, 1746
Second,	Boston, Mass.	Feb. 15, 1749
Third,	Boston, Mass.	March 7, 1749
St. John's	Newport, R. I.	Dec. 27, 1749
Halifax,	Halifax, N. S.	July 19, 1750
Annapolis,	Annapolis, Md.	Aug. 12, 1750
Hiram,	New Haven, Conn.	Aug. 12, 1750
New London,	New London, Conn.	Jan. 12, 1753
St. John's,	Middletown, Conn.	Feb. 4, 1754
Lake George (Army),	Crown Point, N. Y.	May 13, 1756
St. John's,	Providence, R. I.	Jan. 18, 1757

Louisbourg (Army)	Louisbourg, N. S.	Nov. 13, 1758
Master's,	Newport, R. I.	March 20, 1759
Crown Point (Army),	Lake George, N. Y.	April 13, 1759
Philanthropic,	Marblehead, Mass.	March 25, 1760
Hampshire,	Mass.	April 8, 1761
Surinam,	Surinam, Dutch Guiana	April 8, 1761
Crown Point (Army),	Crown Point, N. Y.	March 20, 1762
Falmouth,	Falmouth, now Portland, Me. Mass.	March 20, 1762
St. John's,	Hartford, Conn.	April 9, 1762
Temple,	Elizabeth Town, N. J.	July 28, 1762
Quebec,	Quebec, P. Q., Canada	Oct. 26, 1764
Pitt County,	Pitt County, N. C.	Before Dec. 10, 1764
[Harmony],	Waterbury, Conn.	July 26, 1765
St. John's,	Princeton, N. J.	Oct. 25, 1765
St. John's,	Newburyport, Mass.	July 17, 1766
Barbadoes,	Barbadoes, West Indies	Oct. 24, 1766
Norwich,	Norwich, Conn.	Oct. 24, 1766
Salem,	Salem, Mass.	Oct. 24, 1766
St. Christopher,	St. Christopher, West Indies	Oct. 24, 1766
Virginia,	Virginia	Oct. 24, 1766
[Compass],	Wallingford, Conn.	May 1, 1769
Union,	Sherburne (Nantucket), Mass.	May 27, 1771
Guilford,	Guilford, Conn.	July 10, 1771
Rising Sun,	Boston, Mass.	July 24, 1772
[American] Union (Army),	Roxbury, Mass.	Feb. 15, 1776
Union,	Danbury, Conn.	March 23, 1780
Tyrian,	Gloucester, Mass.	March 2, 1770
Massachusetts,	Boston, Mass.	May 13, 1770
St. Peter's,	Newburyport, Mass.	March 6, 1772
Berkshire,	Stockbridge, Mass.	March 8, 1777
Trinity,	Lancaster, Mass.	Jan. 30, 1778
United States,	Danvers, Mass.	May 1, 1778
Warren,	Machias, Maine	Sept. 4, 1778
Essex,	Salem, Mass.	March 9, 1779
Friendship (French),	Boston, Mass.	March 9, 1779
Unity,	Ipswich, Mass.	March 9, 1779
Amity,	Beverly, Mass.	Sept. 3, 3, 1779
Washington (Army),	Travelling, U. S.	Oct. 6, 1779
St. Patrick's,	Portsmouth, N. H.	March 17, 1780

A Distinguished Scottish Guest



THE RIGHT HON. LORD BELHAVEN AND STENTON, C. I. E., D. L.
Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland

Wooster, Colchester, Conn.	Jan. 12, 1781
Perfect Union (French), Boston, Mass.	May 8, 1781
St. Paul's, Litchfield, Conn.	May 22, 1781
Vermont, Cornish, Vermont	Nov. 8, 1781
St. Andrew's, Boston, Mass.	March 1, 1782
Poughkeepsie(?), Poughkeepsie(?), N. Y.	Sept. 6, 1782
King Hiram, Derby, Conn.	Jan. 3, 1783
Montgomery, Salisbury, Conn.	March 5, 1783
King Solomon's, Charlestown, Mass.	Sept. 5, 1783
Hampshire, Northampton, Mass.	Jan. 30, 1784
Rising Sun, Keene, N. H.	March 5, 1784
Rising States, Boston, Mass.	Sept. 2, 1784
Columbia, Norwich, Conn.	July 23, 1785
North Star, Manchester, Vt.	Jan. 19, 1785
Columbia, Norwich, Conn.	July 23, 1785
Friendship, Williamstown, Mass.	July 23, 1785
Frederick, Farmington, Conn.	Sept. 18, 1787
Faithful, Charlestown, N. H.	Feb. 22, 1788
Dartmouth, Hanover, N. H.	Dec. 18, 1788
Harmonic, Boston, Mass.	Dec. 8, 1790

THE STATE HOUSE CORNERSTONE

July 4, 1795, the cornerstone of the State House was laid under Masonic auspices. The record:

MASONIC CELEBRATION

for laying the Corner-stone of the New State House.

The Governor, being complimented by the agents of the Commonwealth for building the New State House with laying the Corner-stone thereof, His Excellency requested the assistance of the Grand Lodge therein. Accordingly on Saturday, the 4th July, 1795, the Lodges assembled at the Representative Chamber and proceeded in Masonic order, to the Old South Meeting House to attend an Oration, after which they proceeded in Masonic order, as follows:

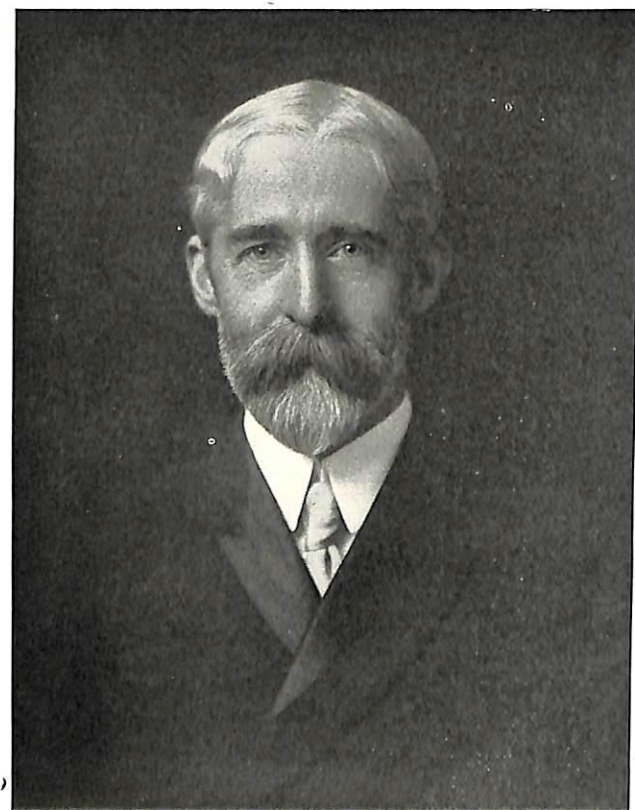
Independent Fusileers—Martial Musick—Two Tylers—The Corner-Stone—on a Truck, decorated with ribbons, drawn by fifteen white horses, each with a leader—Operative Masons—Grand Marshal—Stewards with Staves—Entered Apprentices—Fellow Crafts—Three Master Masons—with the Square, Level and Plumb-rule—Three Stewards bearing corn, wine and oil—Master Masons—Officers of Lodges with their respective jewels—Past Masters of Lodges—Grand Tyler with a cushion and Bible—Band of Musick—Grand Stewards—Grand Deacons with wands—Grand Treasurer and Secretary—Past Grand Wardens—Past Deputy Grand Masters—Past Grand Masters—Reverend Clergy—Brothers—Grand Master attended by the Deputy Grand Master—Grand Stewards and Grand Sword Bearer—Sheriff of Suffolk—The Agents of the Commonwealth—His Excellency, the Governor—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor—Assistant and Quarter Master General—The Honorable Council—Members of the Legislature—Clergy and Strangers of Distinction.

In this order they moved to the spot intended for the edifice.

The procession being opened, the Agents, His Excellency the Governor, Grand Lodge, Lieutenant-Governor, etc., passed through. The operative masons having prepared the stone, His Excellency assisted dby the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master laid it—after the Grand Master had deposited under it a number of gold, silver and copper coins, and a silver plate bearing the following

INSCRIPTION.

This Corner-stone intended for the use of the Legislature and Executive Branches of Government of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was laid by His Excellency



GEORGE W. CHESTER

Since December 27, 1897 Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, re-elected annually for thirty-six terms. Wor. Bro. Chester's father, John H. Chester, was installed in 1888 in the same office his son now holds, and held it until 1897. These two brethren have held the position of superintendent of Masonic Temple between them for 45 years and by their wise direction and genial personality have made a host of friends among the Craft.



LORD DONOUGHMORE, Grand Master of Ireland

Samuel Adams, Esq'r,
Governor of said Commonwealth
assisted by

The Most Worshipful Paul Revere,
Grand Master;

And the Right Worshipful Wm. Scollay,
Deputy Grand Master;

The Grand Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of
Massachusetts.

On the 4th day of July, 1795, A.L., 5795
being the 20th Anniversary

of
American Independence.

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July 11, 1798, Grand Lodge sent the following address to the President:

To the President of the United States.

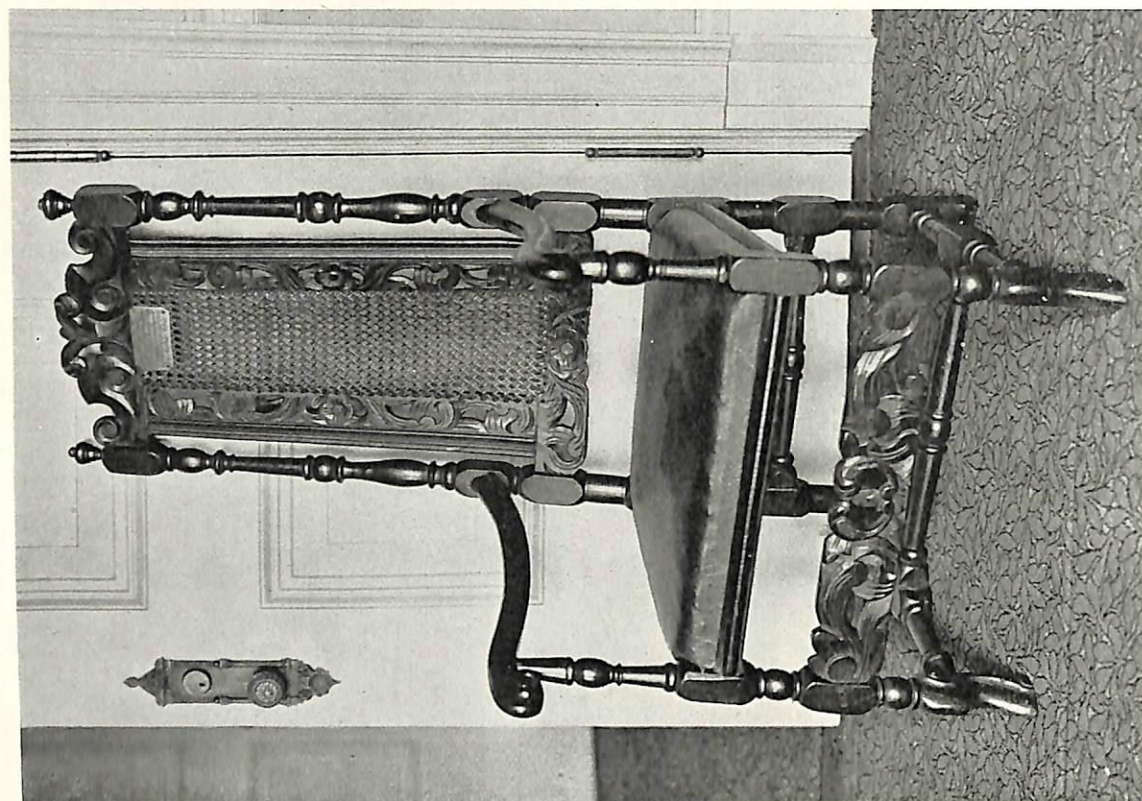
Sir:

Flattery and a discussion of political opinions are inconsistent with the principles of this Ancient Fraternity. But while we are bound to cultivate benevolence, and extend the arm of charity to our Brethren of every clime, we feel

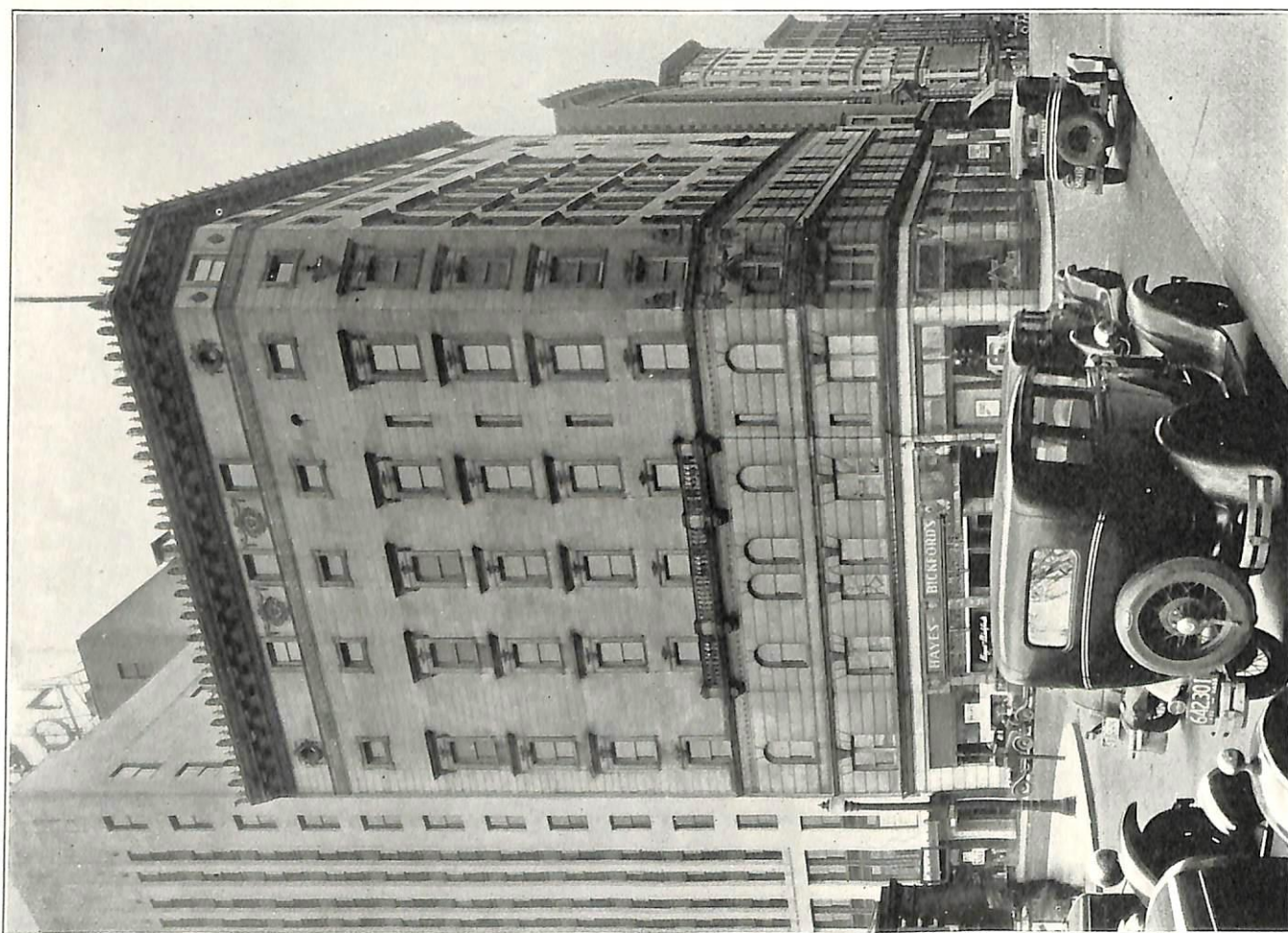
the strongest obligations to support the civil authority which protects us, and when the illiberal attacks of a Foreign Enthusiast, aided by the unfounded prejudices of his followers, are tending to embarrass the public mind, with respect to the real views of our society, we think it our duty to join in full concert with our fellow-citizens, in expressions of gratitude to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for endowing you with that wisdom, patriotic firmness and integrity, which has characterized your public conduct.

While the independence of our country and the operation of just and equal laws have contributed to enlarge the sphere of human happiness, we rejoice that our Masonic Brethren throughout the United States, have discovered by their conduct a zeal to promote the public welfare, and that many of them have been conspicuous for their talents and unwearied exertions.

Among these your venerable predecessor is the most illustrious example, and the memory of our beloved Warren, who from the chair of this Grand Lodge has often urged the members to the exercise of patriotism and philanthropy, and who sealed his principles with his blood, shall ever animate us to a laudable imitation of his virtues.



The Original Chair of Henry Price. Now in Masonic Temple, Boston



Masonic Temple, 1933, Boston, Massachusetts

Sincerely we deprecate the calamities of war, and have fervently wished success to every endeavor to the preservation of peace. But, Sir, if we disregard the blessings of liberty, we are unworthy to enjoy them.

In vain have our statesmen labored in their public assemblies and by their midnight tapers; in vain have our mountains and valleys been stained with the blood of our heroes, if we want firmness to repel the assaults of every presumptuous invader. And while as citizens of a free Republic we engage our utmost exertions in the cause of our country and offer our services to protect the fair inheritance of our ancestors, as Masons we will cultivate the precepts of our Institution and alleviate the miseries of all, who, by the fortune of war or the ordinary occurrences of life, are the proper objects of our attention.

Long may you continue a patron of the useful art and an ornament of the present generation. May you finish your public labors with an approving conscience and be gathered to the sepulchre of your co-patriots with the benedictions of your country-men. And, finally, may you be admitted to that Celestial Temple where all national distinctions are lost in undissembled friendship and universal peace.

JOSIAH BARTLETT, *Grand Master.*
SAMUEL DUNN, *D'y Grand Master.*
WILLIAM LITTLE,
JOSEPH LAUGHTON,

Grand Wardens.

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FUNERAL HONORS TO WASHINGTON

Upon the death of George Washington, funeral honors were paid as recorded below:

On Wednesday, the 15th of February, A.L., 5800, funeral honors were paid by the troops stationed at Oxford, to the memory of their illustrious leader, General George Washington.

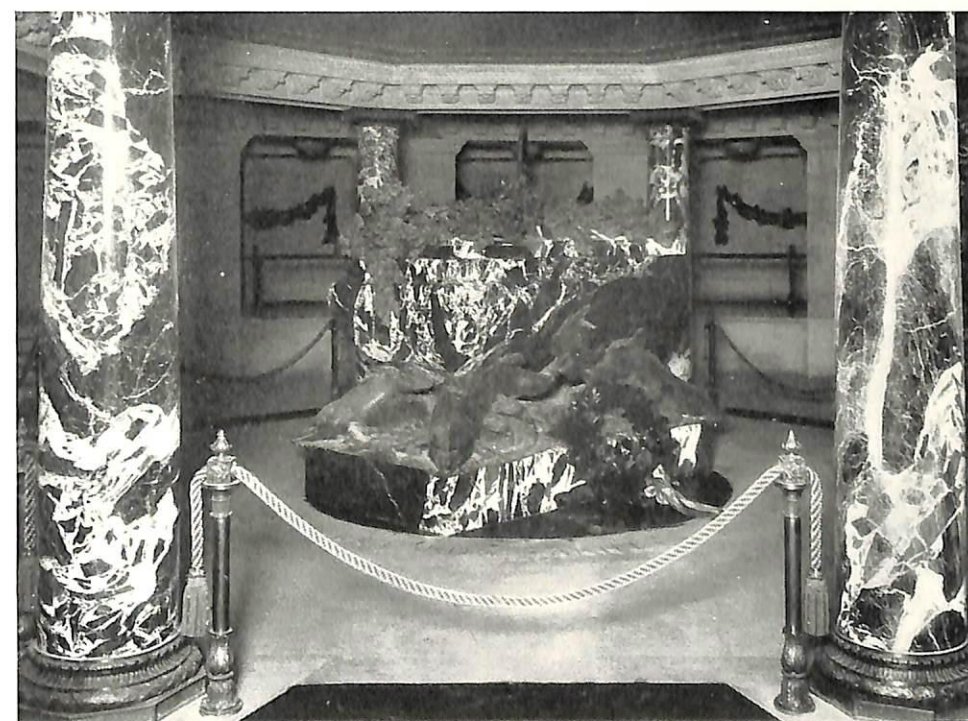
The solemnities ended with the setting sun. The appearances and movements of the troops gave great satisfaction and bore honorable testimony of the military address and exertions of their officers.

The appropriate badges of mourning were worn by the Army, the Masonic Brethren and other citizens. The



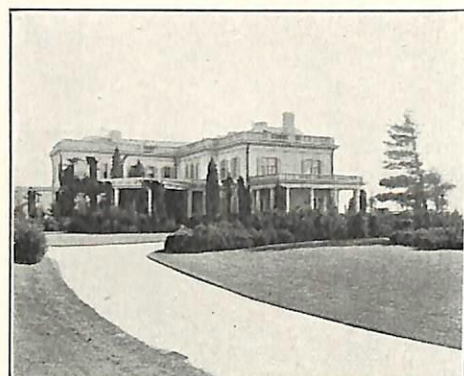
JOHN PAUL JONES
Freemason, Sailor, Patriot

Masonic forms were solemn and impressive, and a large collection of citizens by their general deportment, evidenced that every heart was mournfully impressed by the death and every mind disposed to join in the tribute of grateful respect to the Columbian Patriot, Hero and Sage.



The Tomb of John Paul Jones at Annapolis

Snapshots at Juniper Hall



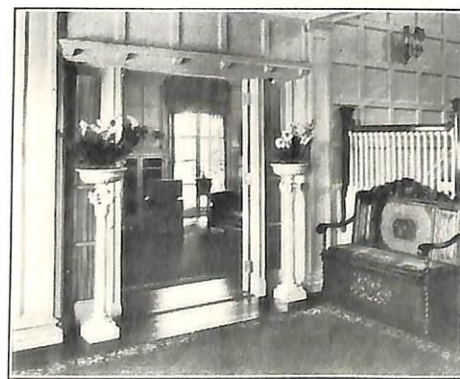
A view of Juniper Hall



An Interior at Juniper Hall



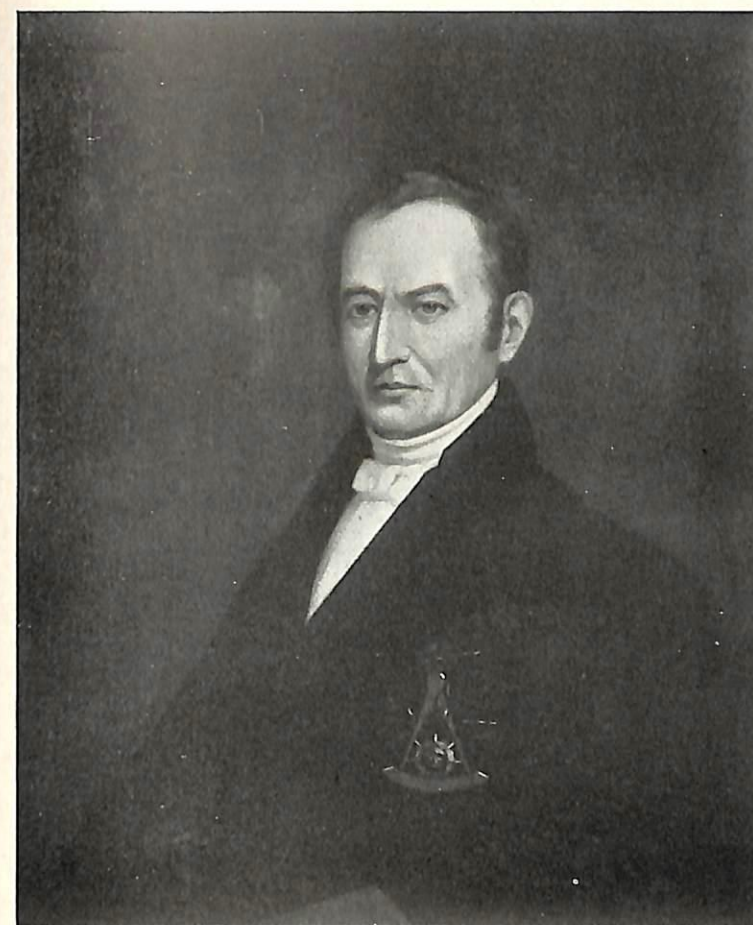
Juniper Hall, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts



An Interior at Juniper Hall



A vista at Juniper Hall



JOHN ABBOTT, an early Grand Master

BUNKER HILL CORNERSTONE LAID

The cornerstone of the Bunker Hill Monument was laid with Masonic ceremonies on June 17th, 1825, when the distinguished Frenchman and ardent Mason, Lafayette, who participated, was a visitor to this jurisdiction.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to form a procession to repair to the Common there to join the civil procession and proceed to Bunker Hill in Charlestown.

The Master Masons having assembled at Fanueil Hall, the Royal Arch Masons at Concert Hall and the Knights Templars at the Armory and refreshment Hall, the Grand Marshal assisted by R. W. Bros. William Ingalls and Samuel L. Knapp, on horseback with twelve other Deputy Marshals on foot formed a Grand Masonic Procession in the following order.

Two Grand Pusuivants—Entered Apprentices—Fellow Crafts—Master Masons—Tyler—Stewards—Junior Deacons—Senior Deacons—Marshals of Lodges—Secretaries—Treasurers—Junior and Senior Wardens—(Wardens Banner)—Past Masters—(Past Masters Banner)—Grand Royal Arch Chapters of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhodeisland—Grand Encampments of Vermont, Rhodeisland and Massachusetts—Presiding Masters—(Presiding Masters Banner)—Rev Clergy of the Fraternity—Grand Lodges of Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Connecticut—Music—Grand Tyler—Two Grand Wardens with White rods—Banner of the Order of Architecture—Silver Vessel with Wine Globe—Grand Lodge Banner—Golden Vessel with Corn—Principal Architect with Square Level &

Vessel with Oil Globe—District Deputy Grand Masters—Plumb—Banner of the Implements of the Craft—Silver Grand Rec Secretary—Grand Treasurer—Grand Cor Secretary—Grand Chaplain—Bible, Square & Compasses—Grand Chaplain—Past Grand Wardens—Past Grand Masters—Three Burning Tapers—Grand Marshal—Senior Gr. Warden—Sen. Gr. Deacon—Deputy G. Master—Jun. Gr. Warden—Book of Constitutions—Grand Master—Sen. Gr. Deacon—Jun. Gr. Deacon—Grand Sword Bearer—Two Grand Stewards.

A number of Master Mason Lodges having provided themselves with appropriate banners, the Master Masons were arranged in Divisions corresponding with the number of banners which were placed in the intervals. A large proportion of Master Masons were clothed with plain white aprons, white gloves and blue sashes. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine appeared in full costume with elegant banners. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was organized in ample form and appeared with their elegant banner and flanking banners. A number of Chapters under the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, several of which were provided with appropriate banners were arranged under the Gr. Chapter. All the Royal Arch Masons were arranged in procession under R. W. Bro. Roulstone their Marshal. The Knights Templars appeared under the command of R. W. Bro. Henry Fowle, Dep. Gen. Gr. Master of Knights Templars. They were in full dress and displayed the banners of Knights Templars and Knights of the Red Cross. Six Knights, with lances, preceded bearing on the points of their lances white pennants, on which were pointed the names of the six New England States. A front and rear guard and also guards to the banners were armed with lances. All the Knights Templars were arranged in procession under R. W. Bro. William J. Whipple their Marshal.



LEON MARTIN ABBOTT, P. G. M. 33°
 Brother Abbott until his death in 1932 was Sovereign
 Grand Commander of the Supreme Council,
 A. A. S. R., N. M. J.

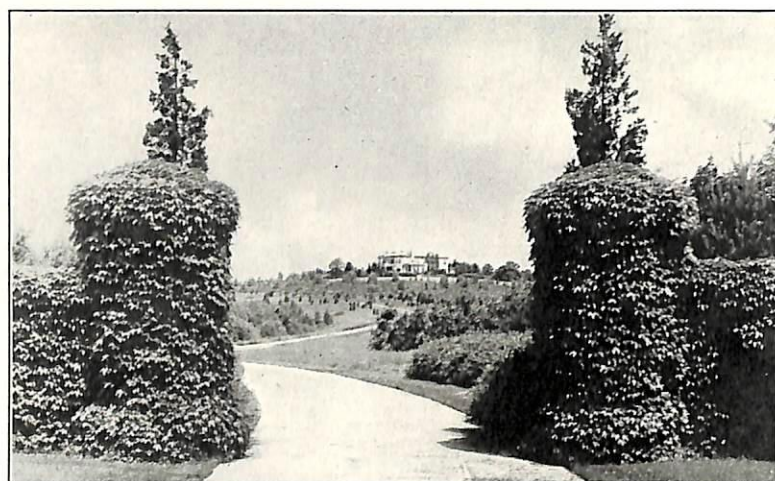
Snapshots at Juniper Hall



The Entrance Hall at Juniper Hall



The Porch at Juniper Hall



The Entrance to Juniper Hall, Shrewsbury



A view of Juniper Hall



Front view of Juniper Hall

TWO DISTINGUISHED VISITORS



GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. K.C.V.O.
R. W. Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire, England



MOST WORSHIPFUL JOHN H. COWLES, P. G. M. Kentucky

The Masonic procession being formed in the foregoing order, proceeded to the Common, where a general procession was formed as follows.

Military Escort—The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—Survivors of Bunker Hill Battle, in open Carriages—The President of Bunker Hill Monument Association—Chaplains—Directors and Officers of the Bunker Hill Monument Association—The President of the United States in a Carriage—General La Fayette in a Carriage—Officers of the Revolutionary Army—His Excellency the Governor of Massachusetts—Lieutenant Governor and Council—The Hon. the Senate and the House of Representatives—Secretary and Treasurer—Governors of other States in the Union—Heads of Department of the United States—Senators and Representatives of the United States—Judges of Supreme Court of United States and State Courts—Invited Strangers—Invited Guests—Presidents of Colleges and Clergy—Officers of U. S. Army—Officers of U. S. Navy—Officers of Militia—Members of the Association.

The procession then moved to Charlestown and having arrived at the Square on which it was intended to erect the Monument, the whole was enclosed by the troops. Near the place intended for the Corner Stone was erected by the Fraternity a lofty triumphal Arch on which was inscribed the following "The Arts pay homage to valor." Through this Arch the whole body of Masons passed and took up a position on the right of the Square, the Grand Lodge in front. The President of the Bunker Hill Monument then requested the Grand Master to proceed and lay the corner stone. The Grand Master, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Secretaries, Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Masters, and attended by the Grand Marshal advanced to the place intended, where the President of the Association and R. W.

Bro. La Fayette met them. The Grand Marshal by irrec-tion of the Grand Master, commanded silence to be observed during the ceremonies. The working tools were presented to the Grand Master, who applied them to the stone and passed them to R. W. Bro. La Fayette and the President of the association who severally applied them and then the Grand Master declared it to be "well formed true & trusty."

The stone was then raised and the Grand Chaplain repeated the following: "May the Grand Architect of the Universe grant a blessing on this foundation stone which we have now laid, and by His providence enable us to finish this and all our works with skill and success. Glory be to God in the highest. (Response by the Brethren)

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.

THE PERIOD OF PERSECUTION

1826—1843

By FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, Grand Secretary

1915-1933—

It is not my purpose to present a detailed chronicle of the events of these eventful years, but rather to endeavor to present a picture of the Craft and its condition at the time.

The year 1826 was the last prosperous year Massachusetts was to see for nearly a quarter of a century. The number of lodges had risen to 107, and the membership was approximately 4,500. The attendance at the annual meeting in 1826 reached a high water mark not to be equalled for many years. At that time the present method of voting by which each Lodge is entitled to three votes was not in use. The Grand Secretary reported the num-

ber of grand officers, permanent members, masters, senior wardens, junior wardens, and proxies present, and each had one vote. At this meeting he reported 125, of whom 29 were officers and permanent members.

A heavy storm-cloud had for some time been looming on the horizon. Secrecy always breeds suspicion, and this was much more true in such conditions as prevailed in the country and in the Fraternity a century ago than now. This suspicion was stirred into activity by certain rumors which came from the other side of the Atlantic. In 1776 a Bavarian named Weishaupt founded a secret society called the Illuminati. The purpose of the society was to set up an "invisible empire", composed of intelligent persons devoted to the advancement of civil, intellectual, and religious liberty. They were to work for these ends in all possible ways, and especially by the conversion and control of the rulers of the small states into which Europe was then divided. For a time the society was very prosperous. It spread far beyond Bavaria. Its representatives went to France and were popularly supposed to have played an important part in the French Revolution, although in fact their influence, if they had any, was very small.

The Illuminati had certain points of resemblance to the Ku Klux Klan, and, like the Klan, attempted to identify itself with Masonry. On the whole, the attempt was unsuccessful, but in some cases lodges fell under Illuminist influence, and were guided by Illuminist direction. It was exactly similar to what happened a few years ago, when the Klan attempted to identify itself with American Masonry, and did, through the entrance of its members into some lodges, create a good deal of confusion in some states.

While the Illuminati were never really associated with Masonry, great confusion was caused in the popular mind.

The fundamental differences between the two organizations were lost sight of, and there was a tendency to identify them in the mind of "the man in the street." Both were secret. The Illuminati were openly and actively opposed to the Jesuits, and the antagonism of the Catholic Church to Masonry was well known. Both organizations had moral and social ends in view, and the world-wide differences between their principles and methods was unknown or forgotten.

The Americans of the period immediately following the Revolution were desperately afraid of the Illuminati. Reports of their sinister activities, deeply colored by their enemies, came across the Atlantic. They were represented as the secret, but powerful and dangerous enemies of religion and the social order. Coupled as these rumors were with the suspicion that Illuminism and Masonry were allied, if not identical, they caused thousands of good Americans to see in every Mason a disguised Illuminist, an enemy of church and state.

This feeling was intensified by two books written independently, but both published in the same year 1797. John Robison, Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Edinburgh, published "Proofs of a Conspiracy against all the Religions and Governments of Europe carried on in the secret meetings of the Freemasons, Illuminati, and reading societies, collected from good authorities." Robison was really an intelligent and learned man, who did much good work in his own field, but when such a man attempts to deal with matters lying quite outside of his field, he usually makes a lamentable exhibition of himself, and Robison was no exception to the rule. The scope and purpose of his work is sufficiently set forth in the title, including the identification of a Masonry with Illuminism. His book was widely read

Two Distinguished Canadian Visitors



MOST WORSHIPFUL R. B. DARGAVEL, P. G. M., Toronto, Canada



MOST WORSHIPFUL REGINALD V. HARRIS, Grand Master, Halifax, N. S.



A Chinese Degree Team, International Lodge, Peiping (Massachusetts Jurisdiction)

and swallowed whole by readers who knew no more of the subject than the author did, and many copies found their way to America.

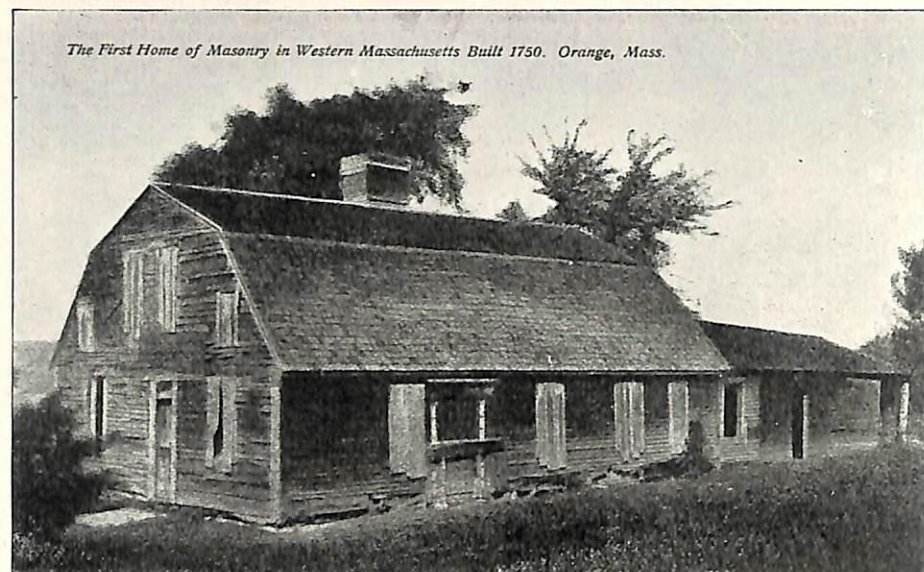
The other book was Barruel's "Recollections to Serve for a History of Jacobinism." Barruel was a French priest who had lived through the excesses and horrors of the French Revolution, and wrote under the government of the directory when France was at its lowest ebb, and before Napolian had come to consolidate the gains of the Revolution. Like the great majority of persons before and since, Barruel had no conception of the underlying forces which control the development of history. He could not account for the utter overthrow of state and church, except as the result of a subtle, wide-spread, and tremendously effective conspiracy, and he decided that the Masons and the Illuminati were the conspirators. In exactly the same way, and with exactly the same misapprehension of facts, General Ludendorff recently attributed the fall of the German Empire to a conspiracy of Freemasons and Jews. To Barruel Freemasons were the enemies of God and man. Barruel's book has never been translated into English, but its contents were well known in America.

Unfortunately there appeared to be a reason to fear Masonic influence in politics. The Americans of the generations of and just before the Revolution were very skittish indeed. They were very much afraid of the perfectly harmless Order of the Cincinnati formed by the officers of the disbanded revolutionary army. They knew that many of the revolutionary leaders, both civil and military, were Freemasons. They saw that many of the politicians of the succeeding period, such men as Chief Justice Marshall, Andrew Jackson, DeWitt Clinton, and Henry Clay were Masons, and they scented a Masonic conspiracy to control the government. Many of them would not admit that Washington was a Mason, because they were unwilling to degrade him (as they thought) by the association. Even now there are occasionally to be found otherwise intelligent persons who deny that Washington was ever a Mason.

It unfortunately happened that Masons themselves, forgetting some of the fundamental principles of the Fraternity, made mistakes which lent color to these suspicions. While there is no evidence that Masonic bodies, as such, dabbled in politics, or that attempts were made to secure general Masonic support for any proposed governmental measures, there is no question that efforts were made, both privately and publicly, to secure votes of Masons for Masonic candidates. In 1816 the two candidates for the governorship in Massachusetts were John Brooks, who was a Mason, and Samuel Dexter, who was not. An article signed, "A Master Mason", and bearing the square and compasses, was published in the *Boston Centinel*, in which this sentence occurs: "And all other things being favorable, he (a Mason) is bound by every Masonic obligation to give his vote for the one who is a Free and Accepted Brother in preference to one who is not." The editor of that paper was Benjamin Russell, who at that very time was Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

In 1824, a paper called the *National Union* was published in New York solely for the purpose of aiding the candidacy of DeWitt Clinton for the governorship. Clinton was a great pluralist in high Masonic offices, though the actual Masonic value of his services is open to some question. The paper just named published a very warm and somewhat rhetorical plea for Masons to vote for Masons generally, and for Clinton in particular. It was signed "The Widow's Son."

It may be pointed out that this was exactly the sort of thing which would cause the greatest apprehension. What was feared was not the open appearance of the Masonic fraternity as the supporters of a party or the advocates of a policy. It was the permeation of the governmental structure by an "invisible government" like that attempted by the Illuminati. It was feared that such permeation might enable the members of the government, from the President of the United States down to the selectmen of the smallest towns, working together regardless



The First Home of Masonry in Western Massachusetts Built 1750. Orange, Mass.

of ostensible party affiliations, to work their will with the government and accomplish all their supposedly nefarious purposes.

Added to this political suspicion was a very powerful element of religious distrust. The entire body of Roman Catholics were committed to opposition to Masonry by the official pronouncements of their church. The Quakers, and some of the minor Protestant denominations were, and still are, opposed to the taking of oaths. While some at least of the grand lodges, Massachusetts by formal decision in 1806, accepted the affirmation of a conscientious objector as equivalent to an oath, this by no means disposed of the objection to oath-bound organizations.

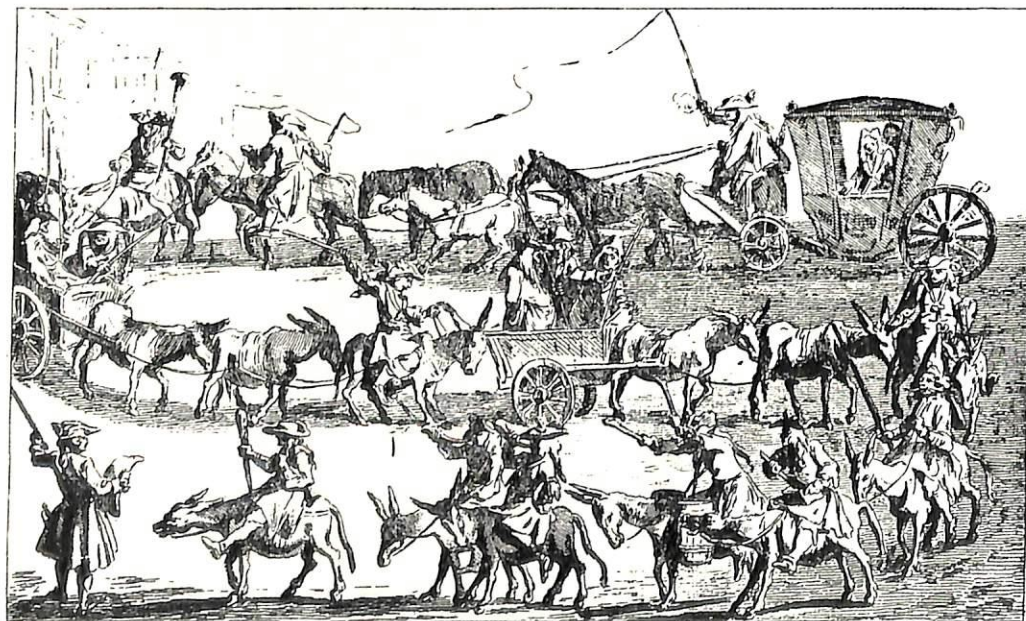
But there was much more, and of greater importance behind this. After the revolution a wave of religious liberalism spread over the country. By 1825 the Unitarian movement, under the leadership of William Ellery Channing, and the Universalist movement under that of Hosea Ballou, were in full swing, while liberal opinions were held by many, both clergy and laity, who were not ready to break with the churches of their birth. The conservatives, under the leadership of such men as the younger Jonathan Edwards, took alarm and undertook a vigorous

resistance. They knew the wide tolerance of Freemasonry and its absolutely unsectarian character, and they believed the assertions of Robison and Barruel that it was anti-religious. They commonly bracketed Unitarians, Universalists, and Freemasons as determined and dangerous enemies of religion and morals.

The unknown is always suspected and generally feared. It is, therefore, not at all surprising that Freemasons, meeting in secret as they did, and ordinarily much more reticent than they now are as to their membership and their doings, were objects of suspicion and fear to many of their fellow-citizens.

There was thus an accumulation of very inflammable material ready for explosion at any time. The match was set to the mine by the affair of William Morgan.

Morgan was a worthless fellow, by trade a stone mason. He claimed to be a lodge and chapter Mason, but there appear to be no records extant to prove his claim. In 1826 he drifted into Batavia, N. Y., where he was refused admission to lodge and chapter. He was also refused a place among the petitioners for a new chapter. Angered by this, and probably thinking to make some much needed



An Early Caricature of Freemasonry



The Verandah at Masonic Home, Charlton, Massachusetts

publish an expose of the Masonic ritual. The local Masons got word of what was going on, became unduly alarmed, and some few of them lost their heads. Petty legal proceedings for debt and larceny were instituted against Morgan, and an attempt was made to burn Miller's printshop. Finally the legal proceedings were settled, and Morgan was taken from jail at Fort Niagara by four men, said to be Masons, and driven away in a hack, apparently going quite willingly. From that moment, so far as any authentic evidence goes, Morgan disappeared from human sight forever. It was at once put about that the Masons had executed him. This must be admitted to be barely possible, but in the highest degree improbable. At the improbable worst it would have been the act of a very few irresponsible individuals and not that of the Masonic Fraternity. More than a year later a badly decomposed human body was pulled out of the Niagara River, and identified as that of Morgan by Mrs. Morgan, although in no way agreeing with what was known of his dress, appearance, and even size. It was afterward definitely identified as that of another man who was known to have been drowned in the river long after Morgan's disappearance.

Whatever became of Morgan nobody ever knew. A man named Hill gave himself up as one of the murderers, and signed a confession. He refused to go before the Grand Jury to testify to the truth of the confession, and the Grand Jury refused to find an indictment on the ground that the man was insane. Such confessions by less demented persons are by no means uncommon. Ben. Perley Poore, long Washington correspondent of the *Boston Journal*, declared that Morgan had been seen and identified in Turkey. Another story was that he was given a considerable sum of money on condition that he go to Canada and never return, and that he concealed himself so effectually that he could never be traced. Another story, and probably the most likely one, was that on being turned loose with a considerable sum of money, Morgan went

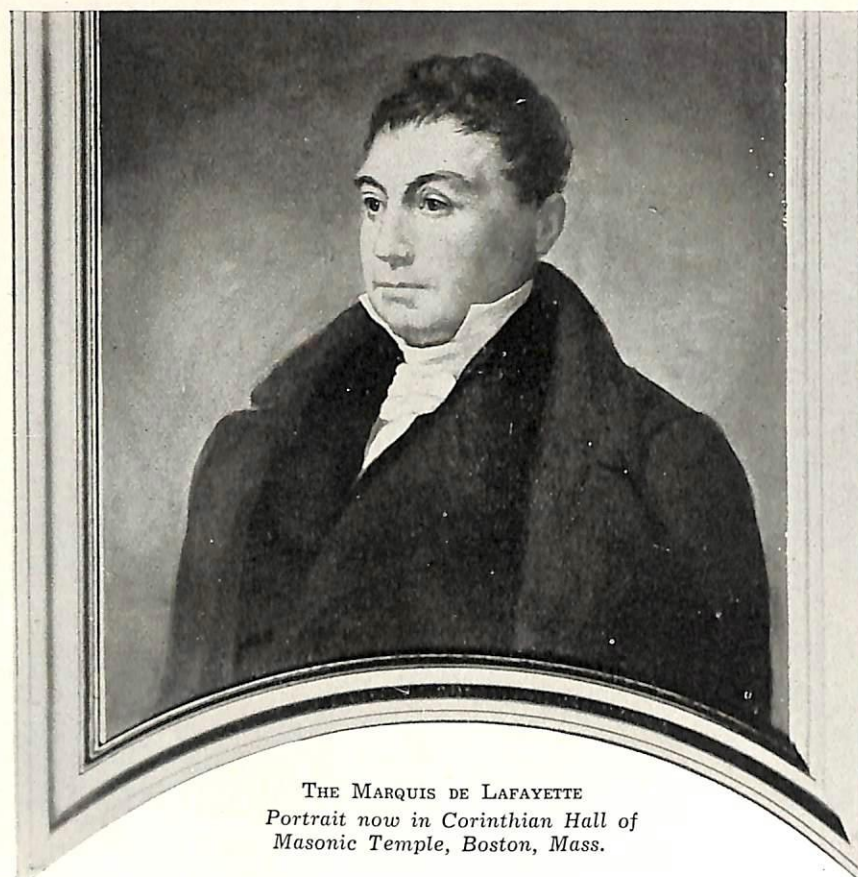
into a low saloon (he was a drinking man), got drunk, showed his money, and was murdered and robbed.

The disappearance of Morgan was promptly, and gladly, seized upon as proof positive of the wickedness of the Masons, and full justification of all the existing fears and suspicions. Pulpit and press got into action, and the country resounded with attacks upon Masons and Masonry. The agitation was kept alive by politicians who found in it a convenient stalking-horse. An Anti-Masonic party was formed, and anti-Masonic papers were started. In 1832 there were 141 of these papers. The anti-Masonic party put candidates in the field in many cases, and won some local elections. In the Presidential election of 1832 the anti-Masonic party put candidates in the field and carried the State of Vermont. In 1833 John Quincy Adams ran for Governor of Massachusetts on the anti-Masonic ticket. Evidently he himself, however, regarded it merely as a gesture, for he made no move to resign the seat in the national House of Representatives which he then held. In this year the voting strength of the anti-Masonic party in the United States was estimated at 341,000.

This was the high-water mark of organized political anti-Masonry, but by no means the end of the persecution.

Persecution is not too strong a word. Ministers were driven from their pulpits. Public men were driven from office. Business men were ruined. Good Christians were forced out of their churches. Masons and their families were socially boycotted. Families were divided and embittered. Masons were subjected to every possible harm short of actual physical violence. Under this pressure some recanted, but the number was surprisingly small.

The effect upon the lodges, however, was immediate and profound. For more than a dozen years there were practically no initiations. Many lodges ceased to exist, and gave up their charters. Others ceased to function, and a good proportion of these simply disappeared without the formality of such surrender. Of the 107 lodges on the roster of 1826 only 52 remained on the roster of



THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE
Portrait now in Corinthian Hall of
Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.

1843. But this is far from presenting a true picture of the facts. Charles W. Moore, who piloted the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts through the storm, says that hardly more than ten lodges made even a pretense of continuous activity. Meeting after meeting of the grand lodge was attended by representatives of less than ten lodges. It will be remembered that at the annual meeting of 1826 there were 125 persons present in grand lodge entitled to vote, of whom 96 were lodge representatives. At the annual meeting of 1836 only 27 were present, and of these only nine were lodge representatives, coming from seven lodges. These were St. John's, St. Andrew's, Columbian, and Mt. Lebanon, of Boston, King Solomon's, then of Charlestown, Amicable of Cambridge, and Rising Star of Stoughton. This last rarely failed of representation throughout the period.

Several grand lodges omitted their meetings for several years. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, however, held every quarterly and stated communication, and attended to its regular business throughout the period. Fortunately, the question of quorum could never be raised. On May 11, 1770, the Massachusetts Grand Lodge "Voted unanimously as the opinion of this lodge, that whenever summonses are issued for convening a grand lodge by the grand master or by his direction, and the grand lodge in consequence thereof is congregated, the same is to all intents and purposes a legal grand lodge, however few in number, and as such may with the strictest propriety proceed to business." Our ancient brethren little knew how important that vote was to prove fifty-odd years later.

John Soley, a wealthy and distinguished citizen of Charlestown, was grand master in 1827, 1828 and 1829.

Joseph Jenkins was grand master in 1830, 1831 and 1832. M. W. Bro. Jenkins carried on with indifferent success a contracting and building businesses, and was probably the least conspicuous man who had yet been elected to the office of grand master, but he possessed qualities

of courage and persistence which were of the greatest value to the grand lodge.

The grand lodge had begun in 1826 to consider the question of building a temple. Up to that time it had always met in rented quarters. Under Jenkins' energetic leadership it voted in June, 1830, to buy the land on Tremont Street at the corner of what came to be called Temple Place, where the block occupied by the R. H. Stearns Co. now stands. On October 14th the cornerstone was laid with Masonic ceremonies, including a procession, and this in spite of the storm of popular disfavor then raging. The procession passed through a howling mob, which barely stopped short of actual violence.

Under date of December 31, 1831, a declaration of the nature and purposes of Freemasonry was published to the world by authorization of Grand Master Jenkins. This admirable paper was drawn up by Charles W. Moore, and signed by about 6,000 New England Masons, of whom 1,469 were from Boston and vicinity. The ultimate effect of this statement in correcting public misapprehension was very great.

The Temple was completed in 1832, at a total cost, including furnishings, of \$14,513.49. It was dedicated on May 30, 1832. It had been intended to make this the occasion of another public demonstration by opening grand lodge in the new Temple, and going in procession to a church on Chauncy Street for public exercises. A "superior power," as the records put it, compelled the holding of the exercises in the Temple. This probably means that the city authorities refused permission to parade.

Meanwhile a serious complication had arisen. The grand lodge had been incorporated in 1817, with authority to hold real estate to the value of \$20,000 and personal property to the value of \$60,000. While the Temple was under construction, grand lodge petitioned the Legislature for an amendment to the Act of Incorporation to reverse the proportions without increasing the total, so

as to authorize the holding of \$60,000 in real estate and \$20,000 in personal property. This the Legislature refused to do. The grand lodge was thus placed in the position of violating the law and open to discipline.

While these matters were pending, the term of Grand Master Jenkins expired, and the grand lodge chose General Elijah Crane as his successor. General Crane was a very eminent and respected citizen, and was probably chosen on that account. He had been a grand warden in 1821, 1822, and 1823, but was now 78 years of age, and in feeble health. He served one year, declined re-election, and died the year following. The disorganized condition of the fraternity appears from the fact that though there were nominally 13 Masonic districts, Grand Master Crane appointed but one district deputy grand master to have charge of the Boston district, the grand master himself living in Canton.

The year of Grand Master Crane's administration was a very momentous one. How much Crane had to do with it himself is uncertain. He was surrounded, however, by able assistants. Not to mention the able men in the permanent membership, his deputy grand master was Abraham A. Dame; his senior grand warden was William J. Whipple, and his junior grand warden was William A. Dickson, all men in the vigor of middle age, and veterans of at least ten years service in grand lodge. As legal advisor he had John Abbot, a very distinguished lawyer, who had been grand master in 1824, 1825, and 1826, and as chief strategist the able, astute, and resourceful Charles Moore, then master of the Lodge of St. Andrew, and one of the grand pursuivants.

After the refusal of the Legislature to amend the Act of Incorporation of the grand lodge, proceedings were started in 1833 to revoke the charter. The anti-Masons

took this step for the double purpose of involving the grand lodge in legal difficulties, and of compelling the disclosure of ritual and other Masonic secrets in the course of the proceedings. The attack was skilfully and successfully met. The grand lodge, in a dignified and statesmanlike memorial to the Legislature, prepared by Moore, surrendered its charter, thus forestalling the impending investigation.

The Temple was sold to John R. Bradford, a very prominent citizen of Boston, and a member of the fraternity, for \$35,900. This was an actual cash sale, and could not be attacked as a fictitious transaction. The grand lodge thus reverted to its original status as a voluntary association, divested itself of its real estate, and placed itself beyond the reach of legal proceedings.

In June of this year, President Andrew Jackson visited Boston. Jackson was a Mason, and a special communication was called to receive him at a date set by Jackson himself. The grand lodge assembled, only to receive a message that at the last moment Jackson had backed out, on a somewhat lame excuse of "Fatigued after the labors of the day." Jackson the politician apparently lacked some of the courage of Jackson the soldier. While Jackson was not generally much troubled by personal opposition, he had the interests of his party to consider. There was a considerable anti-Masonic party in Massachusetts whose activities might well be disturbing to the old parties. In September of 1832, a convention of 353 delegates had nominated candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. The party was preparing for another effort, and in September following Jackson's visit a convention of 419 delegates nominated John Quincy Adams for Governor. Here was a political force which no politician could afford to antagonize.

Guests from Vermont and Ohio



MOST WORSHIPFUL CHARLES B. ADAMS
Grand Master, Waterbury, Vermont



MOST WORSHIPFUL SIMEON NASH
Grand Master, Columbus, Ohio

A Visitor from Canada



MOST WORSHIPFUL ROBERT A. GORDON
Grand Master, Summerside, Prince Edward Island

At the annual meeting in December, 1833, John Abbot was called back to the grand mastership, again lending to that office the luster of name distinguished throughout the State, and placing a tried and trusty veteran at the head of its affairs. At the same meeting it elected Charles W. Moore grand secretary. Moore served as grand secretary 34 years, with surpassing ability and distinction. He was a prolific writer on Masonic subjects, the profoundest Masonic jurist of his time, whose opinions are yet quoted as of the highest authority, and, in my judgment, the greatest grand secretary the Masonic world has ever seen.

In March, 1834, a committee of three, claiming to represent the Masons who were members of the fraternity, petitioned Grand Master Abbot to take measures looking to the dissolution of grand lodge and the extinction of the Masonic Fraternity. Needless to say, the petition was emphatically dismissed by grand lodge.

At the annual meeting in December, 1834, Francis Baylies of Taunton, was elected grand master. This was a curious episode. On October 9, a special communication of grand lodge, open to the public, was held as a memorial of Lafayette, recently deceased. Baylies delivered the eulogy. He was a member of King David Lodge, but never held office in it, had served six years as a member of the House of Representatives at Washington, and was appointed by President Jackson to a diplomatic mission to Buenos Aires, and was the leading citizen of Taunton. His oration made a great impression, was ordered printed, and a copy is in the grand lodge library. His election was probably the result of the enthusiasm aroused by the eulogy, coupled with his high personal and political standing. After allowing himself to be elected, Baylies declined to serve. Whether he came to a realizing sense of his lack of Masonic fitness, or was deterred by political considerations nowhere appears.

In his place grand lodge elected Joshua B. Flint, a

distinguished surgeon, and a member of the city government of Boston and of the State Legislature. During his administration there were no notable events, except the repurchase of the Temple in 1835, but the attendance at grand lodge fell to its lowest level.

After his three years' service came Rev. Paul Dean, a leading Universalist minister. Dean was for many years a very useful and devoted member of grand lodge, always willing to serve wherever he could be useful. He even took service as a district deputy grand master some years after he had been grand master.

Grand Master Dean was succeeded by Caleb Butler. Butler was an educator, lawyer, and well-known surveyor. He served as highway commissioner, as town clerk, and as postmaster, and was a leading citizen of the town of Groton, where he lived.

After two years he was succeeded in 1843 by Augustus Peabody, a prominent Boston lawyer.

The repurchase of the Temple in 1835 may be taken as the turning point in the fortunes of grand lodge. The storm gradually subsided, but it was not until the Butler administration that the signs of revival became marked. A committee under the able and energetic leadership of Moore was at work on a thorough revision of the grand constitutions. Measures were taken for the improvement of the ritual work, and provision was made for exemplifications to be held on the day of the Stated Communication (Feast of St. John the Evangelist) of grand lodge. The first exemplification was held in 1842, and Moore notes in the records that there were 14 lodges represented, the largest number in ten years.

In 1842 Morning Star Lodge asked for the return of its charter, the first of many such requests which quickly followed.

On October 11, 1843, the code of grand constitutions was adopted which is the basis of all subsequent grand lodge legislation. This code contained no innovations. Moore and his associates were far too well grounded in the essentials of Masonic law to make any mistake of that sort. Procedure was much more carefully defined and regulated. The powers and duties of the grand lodge, grand officers, and particular lodges, were more fully set forth. Up to this time petitions for new charters were sent direct to grand lodge, referred to a special committee, and, on report of the committee acted upon, generally on the day they were received. For this was substituted the present practice of a dispensation, but the grand master, followed later by grand lodge action in granting a charter. Membership in lodges was restricted to master Masons. This meant that business could be done only by a lodge of master Masons, not when the lodge was open in an inferior degree. One interesting change was the fixing of the number of grand chaplains at two. For a number of years there had been ten.

Toward the close of 1843 a petition was granted for a dispensation for Star of Bethlehem Lodge in Chelsea, and the charter followed in 1844.

The persecution was ended.

CONTINUING THE RECORD

In the Records of June 12, 1833, it is noted that the grand treasurer was authorized to pay \$200 toward the erection of Bunker Hill monument and on June 17th ten years later the fraternity participated in the dedication of that monument.

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Perhaps the only known occasion on which Grand Lodge gave cognizance to or recommendation of a

Masonic magazine is contained in the following under date of May 11, 1943:

Resolved.—That the *Freemasons' Monthly Magazine*, edited by Bro. CHARLES W. MOORE, is eminently calculated to advance the best interests of the Institution;—and from the well known accuracy and masonic sagacity of its Editor, it is recommended to the Craft, as containing just expressions of the principles and practices of the Order.

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A new draft of the By-laws was made October 11, 1843, replacing rules which were in some instances vague and unsatisfactory. These By-laws are too lengthy to be reproduced here, but they show a careful consideration of the growing needs of the organization and a desire to cover what might be termed the common, as well as the statute law of the Fraternity. They form a base upon which, with later amendments, the government of the Craft in Massachusetts rests.

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The cornerstone of the Temple which for years stood next to St. Pauls Cathedral on Tremont Street at the corner of what is now Temple Place was laid with appropriate ceremonies and in the presence of a large and distinguished audience on Oct. 14, 1930, the officiating Grand Master at that time being M. W. Joseph Jenkins. A box containing the following articles was deposited, viz.:

Plate

with following inscriptions.

Anno Lucis 5830. On the 14th day of October, this Corner-Stone of the Masonic Temple in Boston, was laid by the Most Worshipful Joseph Jenkins, Grand Master of Free Mason in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, assisted by the Past Grand Masters & the officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, and in presence of the Executive Officers of the State and City; in the ninety seventh year of the establishment of Free Masonry in this State; in the fifty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States, and in the year of our Lord & Saviour one thousand eight hundred and thirty. Andrew Jackson, President of the United States; Levi Lincoln, Governor of Massachusetts; Harrison Gray Otis, Mayor of Boston.

ORGANIZATION OF FREE MASONRY IN AMERICA

5733. Henry Price of Boston appointed Provincial Grand Master for all North America, by the Right Honorable, Anthony Lord Viscount Montague, Grand Master of Masons in England.

5736. Robert Tomlinson

succeeded.

5744. Thomas Oxnard

Do.

5754. Jeremy Gridley

Do.

5767. Henry Price

Do.

5768. John Rowe

Do.

5769. Joseph Warren of Boston, appointed Provincial Grand Master by George, Earl of Dalhousie, for Boston, New-England and one hundred miles of the same.

5772. Joseph Warren, appointed. Provincial Grand Master for the Cotinent of America, by Patrick, Earl of Dumfries, Grand Master of Scotland.

5775. Hostilities commenced between G. Britain & America April 19, and suspended the operations of this Grand Lodge.

5777. An Independent Grand Lodge was established March 8; Joseph Webb, Grand Master.

5782. John Warren, G. Master.

5784. Joseph Webb, G. Master.

5787. John Warren, G. Master.

5788. Moses M. Hays, Grand Master until the union of the Grand Lodges March 5, 5792.

5790. John Cutler chosen Senior G. Warden July 29. and exercised the authority of the chair until the Union of the two Grand Lodges March 5, 5792.

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An interesting circular was received from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island about Sept. 11, 1832, which shows the attempt of politicians to investigate Freemasonry.

THE CIRCULAR

At a Quarterly Communication of the G. Lodge of the State of Rhode Island, at Mason's Hall, in the City of Providence on the 27th August 1832 a large number of the members being present, from different parts of the State, the following preamble and resolutions were offered, read, discussed and passed, *unanimously*:—

Whereas the General Assembly of this State, at their October session, A.D. 1831. appointed a Committee consisting of four members of the House of Representatives and one member of the Senate, "fully to investigate and inquire into the canny grounds and accusations brought against Freemasonry and Masons in this State:"

And whereas said Committee have caused to be published the result of their investigations which, as respects all the most vile and obnoxious of the charges, said Committee having fully exonerated Masons, and the Masonic Institution in this State; and on page 19 of their report they say "as there is no evidence that the obnoxious and criminal clauses in the forms of oaths, contained in the antimasonic books ever made any part of the forms used in Rhode Island or indeed any where else; the Committee do not think it worth while to lose time in stating the testimony to the contrary:"

And whereas notwithstanding the above and a vast variety of reasoning and argument contained in sixty eight octavo pages, all or nearly all of which is not unfavorable to the Masonic Institution; Yet said Committee conclude their report as follows: "This Committee cannot but come to the conclusion, that the Masons owe it to the community to themselves and sound principles to discontinue the Masonic Institution:"

Therefore, resolved by this Grand Lodge, that while we highly appreciate the character & standing of the Committee of the State Legislature, and the motives which induced their recommendation, we are of opinion that no good can result either to the public or to Masons, in adopting their recommendation—that in our view the clamorous leaders of antimasonry care not whether we meet in Lodges or Chapters—it is not the Institution of Masonry they are contending against; that it is merely the pretence: political power is the object.

Resolved, that we deeply regret that any of our fraternity should be so regardless of the principles of our Institution as to commit crime; but nevertheless, we think it cannot excite surprise in any one who understands the discrepancy which frequently is exhibited between professed principles and practice of members of all other Societies.—

Resolved, that we regret the present state of society, but are of opinion that our duty is plain; which is that we manifest a determination peacefully to adhere to our institution through evil as well as through good report.

Signed in order & in behalf of the Grand Lodge.

STEPHEN A. ROBINSON, Grand Master.

SAMUEL W. WHEELER, Grand Secretary.

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The first meeting to be held in the newly completed temple took place Dec. 27, 1832 and among the inter-

esting incidents in connection with it is recorded a vote to "relinquish their claim to the Chandalier recently used in the Masonic Hall for the purpose of having the same presented to Bethel Church."

A service commemorative of the death of the Marquis de LaFayette held on October 9, 1934 is worthy of recording here:

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Record of the last communication was read. R. W. Br Dame announced the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, (occasioned by ill health) and requested the S. P. G. M. Hon. Benj. Russell to take the chair and perform the duties of the day which request was complied with.

The Grand Master having announced that the ceremonies in commemoration of the death of the illustrious Br Lafayette would then commence, the G. Marshall conducted the Rev. Br. Austin S. G. C. of the day, to the alter. The Grand Chaplain then said:

"As it has pleased the Divine Creator to remove our illustrious and right worthy Brother Gilbert Mottier de la Fayette, from this transitory existence, and to weaken the chain which has linked us one to the other, may his death remind us of our own, and incline us who survive to strengthen the ties which unite us in friendship. Let us pray: Almighty GOD of infinite goodness, extend to us the riches of thine everlasting favour, and crown thy benefits with honour and immortality"

Response—"Amen so mote it be"

The Grand Chaplain then said:

"What man is he that liveth and shall not see death?"

Response—"Man walketh in a vain shadow—he heapeth up riches and cannot tell who shall gather them"

"When he dieth he shall carry nothing away"

Response—"Naked he came into the world, and naked he must return. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

The Grand Lodge was then formed in procession and repaired to the Lecture Room of the Temple where the Ladies, Brethren and invited guests, had assembled, agreeably to previous arrangements.

After the members of the Grand Lodge had taken their seats an appropriate anthem, set to original music, was performed with excellent effect.

The Throne of Mercy was then addressed by the Rev. Mr. Austin with eloquence, fervency and appropriateness—After which he said:

Brethren we have indeed lost a most worthy and illustrious Brother—shall his name be lost?

Response—by the brethren—"The memory of our departed Brother is precious to us—We will record his name."

The Grand Marshall then unfolded a roll containing the name of the deceased, which he deposited on the alter.

Response — [as before] — "His name and his virtues shall also be written in our hearts—They shall live there and in the heart of every Brother."

The Grand Chaplain added—

"Our beloved Brother has left us, and can no longer stretch out his fraternal hand to us—Shall not some kind friend comfort us in our bereavement?"

Response—"Asuredly a worthy brother shall comfort us, and perpetuate the memory of the departed."

The ceremonies were followed by Eulogy by the R. W. Br. Hon. Francis Baylies of Taunton.

Hymn by the Choir.

Benediction by Rev. E. M. P. Wells.

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The Recording Grand Secretary, R. W. Charles W. Moore, in addition to being an excellent historian, must have had a flair for poetry. Witness this effusion on the occasion of an installation of officers January 16, 1837:

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Written for the occasion by R.W. Charles W. Moore.

Tune "Most Excellent Master's Song."

The rains may descend, and the tempests may come,
And beat on our Temple the Freemason's home;
And envy and malice attack it in vain,
While virtue and firmness the fabric sustain.
Oh! wise were the builders and skilful to plan,
Who laid its foundations in friendship to man:
Though heavy with age, it will never decay,
Till time shall be closed and the earth pass away.
For when the Great Master of earth, sea and sky,
First spread the bright Arch of his power on high,
Love smiled at the symbol and hailed the behest,
And Faith, Hope and Charity sought to be blest.
Through the earth's wide dominion our precepts abound.
In earth, sea and heaven our secrets are found.
Go! read their deep wisdom on sky, earth and sea,
And honor the genius of Freemasonry.
While mountains part nations, and rivers divide,
Though to Lapland we wander, or Nile's fertile side,
We, Brothers! devoted where'er we may roam,
Will meet with a Brother to welcome us home!
And when the last mystery breaks on our sight,
Revealed by Eternity's ne'er fading light,
We, Brothers! united in mansions above,
Shall meet in security, friendship and love.

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About December 13th, 1854 a committee on the application of Edward W. Sartori and others, for a lodge to be called Bethesda Lodge in Valparaiso, Chile, recommended favorably, a dispensation having previously been issued. Thus the first lodge in that country under the Massachusetts constitutions was organized.

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In 1848 an invitation of Grand Master French of the District of Columbia was accepted and on July 4th of that year a deputation from Grand Lodge attended and participated in the laying of the cornerstone of the National Washington Monument in Washington, D. C.

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In June 1852 a petition was received by Grand Lodge seeking changes in the Masonic burial service to conform to the desires of certain Jewish members of the fraternity. The petitioners were given leave to withdraw in view of the fact that a compliance with their request would have necessitated the expunging of all reference to the fact or the doctrines of the Christian religion and that for various and sundry reasons too numerous to mention here the required changes were inconsistent with Masonic practice (See pp. 386 to 401, Proceedings G. L. 1845-55, for an interesting committee report on the matter).

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At the annual communication of Grand Lodge in December 1855, President-Chief of the "Seven United Nations" Bro. Wha-bah-Goosh, a native Indian and a member of the fraternity, was present in the full costume of his people. He made a fine impression.

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A special Communication of Grand Lodge was held October 14th, 1864 for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of Masonic Temple at the corner of Tremont and Boylston Streets, Boston. The Temple was completed in June 1867.

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In June 1859 the cornerstone of the Plymouth monument to the Pilgrim Fathers was laid under Grand Lodge auspices.

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The first temple on the corner of Boylston and Tremont Streets was dedicated June 24, 1867, replacing the old Winthrop House, formerly on that site, which was destroyed by fire in April 1864.

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In March 1887 upon the acceptance of the report of a committee, steps were taken to establish a "Museum" of Masonic antiquities. Since then, by the accretion of a wealth of gifts and through purchase, but in most cases the former, the collection of relics has grown to its present size. It is worth while for our guests to visit the museum in Masonic Temple, Boston, where Brother Edward Hatch, the custodian, will gladly give any information.

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The history of the intervening years to the present is largely a record of new lodges constituted and a gradual peaceful growth of the organization. The details of this would be tedious to our readers although many interesting incidents are involved which may be readily gleaned from the records, but which limitations of space prevent recording here.

Let it be said in this year of Grace 1933 that Freemasonry as constituted in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is, in spite of recent vicissitudes of an economic nature, in an essentially sound condition; that its officers are capable men, devoted to the high traditions of the past and future welfare of the Craft and that with God's help, the years ahead will show Freemasonry in this commonwealth to be a tower of strength, exerting upon the minds of men an influence for good—looking always to the welfare of the community and the universal brotherhood of man.

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JUNE ANNIVERSARIES
DECEASED BRETHREN

Benjamin Franklin, Revolutionary patriot, was elected Grand Master of Pennsylvania, June 24, 1734, and on June 10, 1749, was appointed Provincial Grand Master of that state.

William Whipple, signer of the Declaration of Independence, became a member of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, N. H., June 2, 1752.

Daniel D. Tompkins, 1st Grand Commander of the Northern Supreme Council (1813-25) and Grand Master of New York (1820-21) while serving as U. S. Vice President, was born at

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Scarsdale, N. Y., June 21, 1774, and died at Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y., June 11, 1825.

John Pope Duval, 1st Grand Master of Florida (1830) and a member of Jackson Lodge No. 1, Tallahassee, Fla., was born at Richmond, Va., June 3, 1790.

Jose Antonio Paez, 1st Grand Master of Venezuela and 1st Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of that country, was born at Aricagua, Venezuela, June 13, 1790. He served as the first President, and later Dictator, of the new republic.

James W. Nye, Governor of Nevada Territory (1861-64) and later U. S. Senator from that state, was born in Madison County, N. Y., June 10, 1814, and was a member of Hamilton (N. Y.) Lodge No. 120.

Gen. Roger Nelson, Revolutionary officer and Deputy Grand Master of Maryland (1801-05), died at Frederick, Md., June 7, 1815.

Gen. John H. Morgan, famous Confederate cavalry leader and member of Lexington (Ky.) Lodge No. 1, was born at Huntsville, Ala., June 1, 1826.

Gen. Henry Dearborn, Secretary of War under President Jefferson (1801-09) and a member of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, N. H., died at Roxbury, Mass., June 6, 1829.

Gen. Morgan Lewis, Governor of New York (1804), was elected Grand Master of that state June 3, 1830, which position he held until his death, a period of thirteen years.

Alexander Buckner, 1st Grand Master of Indiana (1818) and U. S. Senator from Missouri (1831-33), died in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., June 6, 1833.

James Madison, 4th U. S. President, who was understood to have been a member of Hiram Lodge No. 59, Westmoreland County, Va., died at "Montpelier," Va., June 28, 1836.

Stephen A. Douglas, U. S. Senator from Illinois (1847-61), who opposed Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency in 1860, was initiated in Springfield, (Ill.) Lodge No. 4, June 11, 1840, passed June 24, and raised June 26. A few months later he was appointed Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. His death occurred at Chicago, June 3, 1861.

Ely S. Parker (a Seneca Indian), Commissioner of Indian Affairs (1869-71) and military secretary to General Grant during the Civil War, became first Master of Akron (N. Y.) Lodge No. 527, June 3, 1863.

Abd-El-Kader, Mohammedan Freemason and recipient of the Grand Cross, Legion of Honour of France, became a member of the Lodge of the Pyramids, June 18, 1864.

Henry L. Whitfield, superintendent of education in Mississippi (1898-1907) and later Governor of that state, was born in Rankin County, Miss., June 20, 1868, and was raised in East

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Giuseppe Garibaldi, famous Italian
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2, 1882. In 1863 he served as Grand
Commander of the Supreme Council of
Italy and two years later was Grand
Master of the Grand Lodge of that
country.

Chauncey M. Depew, U. S. Senator
from New York (1899-1911) and a
Thirty-third Degree member of the
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, became
a member of Mecca Shrine Temple,
New York City, in June, 1911.

Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, who
in 1902 served as District Grand Mas-
ter of the Punjab, India, and after
whom four Masonic lodges were named,
lost his life on June 6, 1916, when the
H. M. S. *Hampshire* was sunk off the
Orkney Islands.

LIVING BRETHREN

Charles A. Varnum, who served un-
der General Custer and is the recipient
of the Congressional Medal of Honor,
was born June 21, 1849. He has been
a life member of Olive Branch Lodge
No. 47, Sturgis City, S. Dakota, since
1881.

Daniel C. Beard, National Scout
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Lodge No. 67, New York City, was
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City, N. J., was born June 11, 1864,
at Hannibal, Mo., and is a Thirty-third
Degree member of the Southern Juris-
diction. Roland H. Hartley, former
Governor of Washington and prominent
member of both York and Scottish
Rites, was born at Shogomoc, New
Brunswick, Canada, June 26, 1864.

The Duke of Connaught was, on
June 22, 1886, installed as Provincial
Grand Master of Sussex, Eng., by King
Edward VII, who was at that time
Grand Master of England.

Harry F. Byrd, U. S. Senator from
Virginia and former Governor of that
state, was born at Martinsburg, W. Va.,
June 10, 1887. He is a member of the
Scottish Rite Bodies at Alexandria, Va.

Daniel J. Moody, former Governor
of Texas, was born at Taylor, Texas,
June 1, 1893, and is a member of the
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The Prince of Wales, a member of
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Peter Norbeck, U. S. Senator from South Dakota and former Governor of that state, received the Thirty-second Degree at Yankton, June 22, 1919.

Frank G. Allen, former Governor of Massachusetts and a Thirty-third Degree member of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, was raised in Orient Lodge, Norwood, Mass., June 23, 1920.

Lord Cornwallis, Provincial Grand Master for Kent since 1905, was appointed Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, in June, 1926.

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was initiated in Keystone Lodge No. 243, St. Louis, Mo., June 9, 1926.

MASONIC ITEMS

The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., and the Grand Council, R. & S. M., of South Dakota, convened in annual session at Aberdeen, June 12, 13, 14, 15, 1933.

What is regarded as the earliest record of Freemasonry in this country is quoted in Peterson's *History of Rhode Island* from an old document. It states: "In the spring of 1658 Mordecai Campaunall, Moses Peckeckoe, Levi and others, in all fifteen families, ar-

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A joint meeting of two West Virginia Lodges, Kanawha No. 20, and Charleston No. 135, both of Charleston, W. Va., was held in that city on May 15, 1933, to raise four candidates, two from each lodge, to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The 300 Masons who were present represented 60 lodges—46 in West Virginia and 14 outside that state. The present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia and two Past Grand Masters, together with the Senior Grand Warden, were in attendance.

A series of Masonic radio lectures is being given under the auspices of the Manila Scottish Rite Bodies by Teodoro M. Kalaw, 33°, the "Mirabeau of the Philippines." The first lecture was delivered March 19, 1933. Many favorable comments are being received, both on the matter discussed and the manner of delivery.

The purpose of the lectures, it was stated by William Huse Chapman, 32°, K. C. C. H., who introduced the speaker, is not to make propaganda for Freemasonry but to enlighten the public as to the nature and objects of the Fraternity.

James R. Dunseath, 32°, K.C.C.H., Past Master of Tucson Lodge No. 4, Tucson, Ariz., presided recently at the initiation, passing and raising of his son, James Elliott Dunseath. Both are practicing attorneys in Tucson. The elder Dunseath is Wise Master of Santa Catalina Chapter of Rose Croix in that city. He will represent the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arizona at the dedication of the Masonic Peace Memorial, London, Eng., which will take place July 19, 1933.

Born in Ireland, and representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland near the Grand Lodge of Arizona, he will tour the British Isles before returning home.

The 152nd annual communication of the Masonic Grand Lodge of New York closed its sessions in New York City on May 4, 1933. Christopher C. Mollenhauer was re-elected Grand Master of that body.

Recommendations of Grand Master Mollenhauer for an increase of the per capita tax from \$1 to \$3, and placing a limit on the number of life memberships, were adopted by the convention. Before becoming a law of the Grand

Lodge these recommendations must be ratified by the individual lodges of the state.

Attendance at the spring reunion of Oriental Consistory of the Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in Chicago, Ill., showed a marked increase.

The class consisted of 28 members, to which were added 19 others who

took only to the Eighteenth Degree in a winter evening class.

The record of attendance was as follows: Monday, April 17, 487; Tuesday, 546; Wednesday, 647; Thursday, 836; Friday, 826; total, 3,342. Visitors were present to the total of 167, from 40 valleys in 27 states.

James G. Conner, 33°, who has lived in France since the World War and is



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Mr. Conner was a co-founder of the American Masonic Lodge of Paris. He recently returned to France following a four weeks' visit in the United States. According to Frank S. Land, 33°, Mr. Conner is of the opinion that the French youth, sixteen to twenty-one years of age, will be favorable to the good citizenship principles of the DeMolay Order.

GERMAN MASONIC AFFAIRS

In its May 6, 1933, issue, *The Freemason's Chronicle*, London, Eng., comments on the Masonic affairs of Germany in part as follows:

Freemasonry "of England is very much united." "Germany must look after her own affairs. If she desires to wipe away old customs, usages and traditions, and create new methods to suit new ideas and fancies, it is no concern of other people." "In the meantime" . . . she must not think that the Masonic world is such as to come under the category, "We will wait, you will wait us."

Continuing, the publication states: "The German people seem to like to do things in their own style." When formally challenged they said "that they had to do as the Prussians desired; now they say they must do as Herr Hitler says. It seems they like to shift the responsibility on to others."

REDUCES PER CAPITA TAX

By economies and changes in the management of the Masonic Home (and farm) at Dousman, Wis., the Grand Lodge of that state reduced the expenses during the eleven months ending April 30, 1932, about \$8,000, over the operative cost of the preceding year. This reduction will materially effect the per capita tax of the members, which at present is \$1.40. Of this amount 75 cents goes to the Home, 15 cents to the Charity Fund and the remainder to the Grand Lodge. The new per capita tax will be somewhere between \$1.10 and \$1.15.

YORK GRAND LODGE

OF MEXICO

The seventy-third annual communication of York Grand Lodge of Mexico was held at the Masonic Hall, City of Mexico, on April 13.

The following Grand Lodge officers were elected: M. A. Malone, Grand Master; Elliott B. Turnbull, Deputy Grand Master; Frank D. DeVotie, Senior Grand Warden; Jacob Stump, Junior Grand Warden; John E. Camp-

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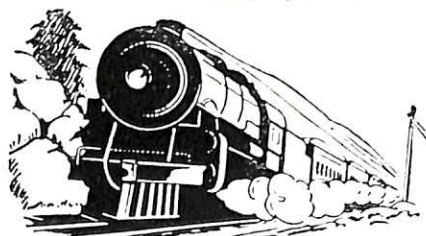
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The retiring Grand Master, W. E. Crawford, stated in his message that while a small net decrease in membership was shown during the past year, many of the lodges are prosperous and harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction with the bodies more closely united than ever before, despite the world economic difficulties which are affecting them to some extent.

The next annual communication will be held on March 29, 1934, at the City of Tampico, Tamps., Mexico.

MASON "AT SIGHT"

For the first time in seventy years the Masonic Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, through its Grand Master, Allan M. Wilson, made a Mason "at sight" at a special communication on May 12, 1933. The person who received the benefits of such an unusual waiver of Masonic Grand Lodge regulations was Frank P. Carpenter, Manchester, N. H., public benefactor and philanthropist. In 1863 a like ceremony was performed when Joseph A. Gilmore, at that time Governor of New Hampshire was made a Mason "at sight." Charles H. Bell, the Grand Master who performed the rites, was afterwards Governor of the state.

Mr. Carpenter, who is nearing his ninetieth year of age, observed with much interest the degree work conferred on other candidates during the evening.

The special communication was called to consecrate and dedicate the Masonic Temple at Manchester.

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"Then the eyes of them both were opened and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed figge leaues together, and made themselves breeches."

Bound with the Bible is a Psalter, an "Almanacke" for 1578-1610, a book of common prayer, collects and concordances with a preface, signed by Robert F. Herrey. The musical notes of the Psalter are diamond-shaped instead of round, and initialed thus: "L" for "La," "R" for "Re," etc. The Psalter was printed by John Daye in 1583.

On the torn and yellow fly leaf is a much faded ink inscription dated August 8, 1664, stating that the Bible was presented to Charles Edwards, an English lad sixteen years of age, by his Calvinistic grandfather in the days of the Restoration and King Charles II.

The inscription reads: "The lord give thee favors to make A good eus of him To Gods onor And glorie And bring in comfort into your soull. Amon.

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ENGLISH MASONIC NOTES

The sixty-fifth annual festival for the Mark Mason Benevolent Fund will be held in London, Eng., on June 22, 1933. This fund is used in aiding necessitous Mark Masons, their widows and children. Homes and educational advantages are provided for the children.

During the World War not one of the Kings of Europe who were Masons was at war. The Kings of Sweden and Denmark, who are Grand Masters of the Fraternity in their respective coun-

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tries, were both rulers of neutral countries.

Prince George, youngest son of King George V of England, was made one of the Wardens of the United Grand Lodge of England on April 26, 1933. The Prince was not present on that occasion as the installation has been postponed until July 18, when the Masonic Peace Memorial will be dedicated in London.

Gallery Lodge No. 1928, London, Eng., was for thirty-six years the only lodge in the world whose members were exclusively associated with the journalistic profession. In 1918, Press Lodge No. 432, Belfast, Ireland, was founded. Since then other lodges of journalists have been formed.

At the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys 1,278 pupils are receiving benefits, 800 of them being in Bushey Schools, Hertfordshire, Eng., and 478 who are receiving annual grants for educational purposes at other schools. There are 75 ex-pupils who are receiving grants to aid them in other respects.

The expenditure for this one benevolence is £100,000 per annum.

Prince of Wales Rose Croix Chapter No. 69, for the Yorkshire District, Eng., met in the Masonic Hall, Huddersfield, on April 8, 1933, and welcomed William Edwards Gray, 33°, Grand Inspector General of that district, who aided in the installation rites on that occasion.

The Prelate, Frank W. Banister, 32°, who had not missed an installation meeting in forty-nine years, was in the South of England convalescing from a recent illness.

The quarterly convocation and annual investiture of officers of Supreme Grand Chapter, R. A. M., was held in London, Eng., on Wednesday, May 3, 1933. Lord Amptill, Pro. First Grand Principal, presided, supported by Lord Cornwallis, Second Grand Principal.

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During the proceedings Lord Ampthill stated that the Duke of Connaught, by virtue of his being Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge, is also First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

It was also stated that the positions of Lords Ampthill and Cornwallis and that of Sir P. Colville Smith, as Grand Scribe E., are due to the positions they held in the United Grand Lodge.

Lord Ampthill read a letter from the Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, thanking him and the assembled brethren for their happy felicitations on his eighty-third birthday.

Canon H. T. Hayman was installed as Provincial Grand Master for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire on May 22, 1933, by Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. Canon Hayman succeeds the Duke of Portland. He is a Past Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge, is in his eightieth year of age, and recently had conferred upon him an honorary canonry.

The 135th anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held in London, Eng., Wednesday, June 14, 1933. Lt. Col. Sir C. Frederick Oliver, Provincial Grand Master for Leicestershire and Rutland presided.

There are 1,353 boys now receiving benefits from this institution, the annual expense connected therewith being about £100,000, £86,000 of which is raised by voluntary contributions.

The following item appeared in *The Freemason's Chronicle*, London, Eng., for May 20, 1933:

"Judge Robert Worth Bingham, of Louisville, Ky., the new U. S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James, is a member of the Craft, also a Knight Templar and a Thirty-second Degree member of the Scottish Rite. The citizens of the State of Kentucky are very proud of the honor that has come to them in this appointment, especially Craft members." Judge Bingham also has the rank and decoration of K. C. C. H.

G. H. Webster was recently installed as the tenth Master of King Solomon's Temple Lodge No. 4611, at Jerusalem. Thirty-three visiting members of the Fraternity brought greetings from lodges all over the world. This lodge provided ashlar for each of the rooms

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Interest in the stones from the King Solomon's Quarries is frequently evinced by requests for them from lodges in all parts of the world.

In May, 1932, at the instance of brethren of the 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars, the Grand Master of Irish Masonry, the Earl of Donoughmore, with other members of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, constituted Leswarree Lodge No. 646, at Farnborough, England.

As a sequel to the organization and satisfactory growth of this lodge the members were accorded the privilege of founding Leswarree Royal Arch Chapter No. 646. Recently, in the presence of a large gathering of Royal Arch Masons in Dublin, including many prominent Companions from the Provinces of Down and Antrim, this chapter was duly constituted by J. Milne Barbour, Deputy Grand King, and other members of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland.

Following the ceremony it was explained that the founding of Leswarree Lodge and Chapter were notable events in Irish Freemasonry. Leswarree was the first name in the list of regimental battle honors of the 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars in the battle fought in India on November 1, 1803.

The Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, London, Eng., announced that the 145th annual festival of that institution had raised over £68,162. London, with 1,237 Stewards working, sent over £23,000; the Provinces, with 1,034 Stewards, over £20,000; with 24 Stewards, the districts and overseas areas, sent over £1,000, and Staffordshire, with 997 Stewards, sent £22,480.

Staffordshire, having led the Masonic areas in its donations, was the representative Province at this festival. Thirty-three years ago this province distinguished itself in the same manner. At that time, with 34 lodges and 220 Stewards, it turned in £1,034, out of a grand total of £23,037. The Province now has 56 lodges.

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Marked progress was reported in the completion of the new school for girls at Rickmansworth. It is expected that it will be opened and in full operation within twelve months.

A contract for the construction of a new Masonic Temple at Romford, Eng., is expected to be let shortly. The proposed temple will seat 500 and is estimated to cost about £8,000.

Edwin Walter Cook, of Sutton Court, Chiswick, W. London, Eng., left £1,000 and other personal property to Ada Mabel Edlin, his "Masonic niece," a term in England ascribed to an orphan child for whose welfare a member of a Masonic guild makes himself responsible.

Lodge No. 5174, at Bawtry, Province of Yorkshire, Eng., which was consecrated by the Earl of Harewood, Provincial Grand Master, some three years ago, is to have as its lodge home a very ancient church. Though the superstructure is very old, its foundation is said to have been laid eight centuries ago. The furnishings acquired with the premises were "a fine altar cloth, an old oak table, chair, altar rails, brass alms dishes and an embroidered alms bag."

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The annual Grand Festival of the United Grand Lodge of England was held at the Central Hall, Westminster, April 26, 1933. On this occasion the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, uncle of King George V, was proclaimed Grand Master for the thirty-third time. Lord Amptill and Lord Cornwallis were appointed Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, respectively. Announcement of the selection of Prince George as Senior Grand Warden was made by the Pro Grand Master, with the statement that the Grand Master wished to formally invest the Prince at the special meeting of Grand Lodge to be held at the Royal Albert Hall on July 18, 1933.

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MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

The Grand Lodge of Arizona at its annual meeting in March voted to resume its membership in the Masonic Service Association of the United States. In June of last year the Grand Lodge of Nevada also became a member of the association.

The association recently held its fourteenth annual meeting, which was attended by representatives of 18 grand jurisdictions. It is apparently regaining some of the ground it has lost, and according to recent statements, several other grand lodges have signified their intention of considering joining or rejoining the association.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at its annual communication in April, 1933, also took the necessary steps to rejoin the Masonic Service Association, of which she was for many years a valued member.

Most Worshipful Brother Peter T. Wilson, grand master, wrote to the association, May 22, consummating the grand lodge action, and the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is therefore now a member of this fellowship.

With Carl H. Claudy occupying the important position of executive secretary, and the association committed to policies which will restore the confidence impaired by its early mistakes, when uncontrolled enthusiasm caused it to engage in elaborate and costly activities over the protest of more conservative grand lodges, there is probability of increase in membership. Brother Claudy is eminently fitted for the position he has held for the last few years. As a Masonic student and writer, he holds high rank, and as an executive officer he has the confidence of leaders of the fraternity, and deserves a large measure of support.

SAN DIEGO LODGE SEES EIGHTIETH YEAR

San Diego Lodge, F. and A. M., celebrated its eightieth anniversary in Masonic Temple recently, with interesting ceremonies. In the crowd of 200 master masons, in which all lodges of San Diego county were represented, were 23 past masters of San Diego Lodge, which was the first lodge or-

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ganized south of the Tehachapis. Following dinner in the banquet hall the earlier part of the evening was devoted to a meeting presided over by Robert Murray McDonald, worshipful master, assisted by the regular officers. McDonald gave the welcome to the past masters, whom he invited to seats in the east. Greetings and an address were given by Eugene Daney, Sr., worshipful master of Silver Gate Lodge, 1895-1896. Judge Daney paid a tribute to the earlier masters of San Diego Lodge, especially to Phillip Crosthwaite, head of the lodge in 1854. Carl H. Heilbron, worshipful master in 1908, gave a brief resume of the history of San Diego Lodge, based on an elaborate compilation of data by Cyrus Field Willard, speaking especially in praise of the men who headed the organization in the earlier days of the city.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

A statistical table of membership in the 49 grand jurisdictions in the United States, compiled by J. Edward Allen, of Warrenton, N. C., giving the latest figures available on April 1 of this year, is exceedingly interesting. The immediate reaction on opening the comprehensive sheet of detailed figures is: "How bad is the bad news?" It is not as bad as expected.

The total membership and net loss in each of the four bodies constituting the so-called York Rite of Freemasonry in the United States of America, is as follows:

Symbolic Freemasonry—Total membership, 3,165,810; net loss, 105,413.
Capitular—Total membership, 809,548; net loss 45,984.

Cryptic—Total membership, 288,184; net loss, 17,553.

Templar—Total membership, 429,207; net loss 24,030.

It will be noted that the loss in Symbolic Freemasonry is a little over 3 per cent, while the loss in the chapter, council and commandery membership, runs between 5 and 6 per cent. Anything that has escaped with a deflation of between 3 and 6 per cent during the hectic 12 months just passed is still in a fair way to survive.

The figures given do not reflect the exact membership on a specified date, owing to the fact that grand bodies meet at various periods throughout the year, and the information is taken from the reports contained in the annual proceedings of these bodies. However, J. Edward Allen has for a number of years carefully and patiently compiled Masonic statistics, and he is a recognized and reliable authority on the subject.—*Masonic Chronicle*.

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Secretary of Commerce, Daniel C. Roper, charter member of Barristers Lodge No. 48, Washington, D. C. He was raised in Federal Lodge No. 1, Washington, D. C., April 28, 1896.

Secretary of Agriculture, Henry A. Wallace, member of Capital Lodge No. 110, Des Moines, Iowa, raised Oct. 4, 1927.

Attorney General, Homer S. Cummings, member of Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Conn., raised Aug. 5, 1892.

ASSOCIATION MACONNIQUE INTERNATIONALE

The following resolution was adopted at the session of the executive committee of the International Masonic Association at Brussels on 6 May, 1933: To all the Grand Orients and Grand Lodges of the world:

The Executive Committee of the International Masonic Association, meeting in Brussels on 6 May, 1933,

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Expresses to all who are victimized its active sympathy, and

Calls upon all the Masonic authorities throughout the earth to unite for the purpose of ensuring the observance of those principles of human freedom and dignity which are the pride of our civilization.

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Masons of Savannah, Ga., met in the
the evening of April 24, 1933, and
Municipal Auditorium of that city on
celebrated the 200th anniversary of the
founding of the Colony of Georgia at
Savannah.

The celebration being under the aus-
pices of the Blue Lodges of Savannah,
William B. Clark, Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Georgia, made the
principal address. He outlined the his-
tory of Masonry in the United States,
which was established in Boston in
1733 by Maj. Henry Price, and a few
years later established in Georgia. He
spoke of Freemasonry's great contri-
bution to the free and enlightened in-
stitutions of Georgia, its devotion to
the principles upon which our nation
was founded and pledged a continua-
tion of that devotion.

Mr. Clark referred to many heroic
deeds of Revolutionary Masons and
pointed to those from Georgia with
pride.

He mentioned the minutes of Ma-
sonic lodges from which one is able to
learn who participated in the battle for
Freedom in the Colonies. Stating that
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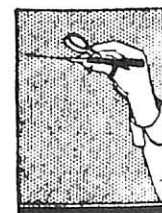
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Like me he says he's going to be,
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